

New Campaign Set To Raise Hospital Funds

The News-Review

The Weather
Partly cloudy with scattered showers today. Increasing cloudiness Sunday.
Sunset today 4:42 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:43 a. m.

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Trustees Tell Plan To Raise Added Money

\$60,000 Said Needed To Meet Estimates; Time For Action Short

An immediate campaign will be launched to raise additional funds necessary for the construction of the Douglas Community hospital, the hospital board of trustees, through its president, Kenneth Ford, announced today. Bids for the construction of the hospital were opened Thursday evening. The lowest bid in the amount of \$379,700 was submitted by Todd Building company of Roseburg.

This represents a figure of approximately \$60,000 in excess of the architect's estimate, according to Ford.

Total Cost \$510,000
The grand total cost of the hospital will be approximately \$510,000. This is an estimate based on bids submitted for the hospital building and kitchen facilities, plus the purchase of ground, and completely equipping the hospital ready for use.

To meet this goal, without sacrificing plans for the hospital as now planned, the community, which will use the facilities, must provide \$60,000 more than the funds presently available, said Ford.

The decision to request additional funds was made at a meeting of the Board of Trustees following the opening of bids. All trustees were present. Ford scheduled a meeting of the hospital finance committee for Friday.

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Death Takes 115 By Mid-Morning

Traffic accidents and fires ruined Christmas joy for the families of nearly 100 death victims even before the holiday arrived.

One hundred fifteen persons were killed across the nation between 6 p. m. (local time) Friday and mid-morning Saturday, 84 from motor mishaps. Twenty-five others perished in fires and five died from miscellaneous causes.

The death toll nearly doubled in five hours today.

The National Safety council had predicted 433 traffic fatalities for the three-day weekend from 6 p. m. Friday by midnight Monday.

A Stamford, Conn., couple and their two infant children burned to death on the couple's fourth wedding anniversary.

A Texas farm family of five burned to death and a truck driver was killed after an automobile-gasoline truck collision. The five were trapped in the burning car after the gasoline ignited.

Boy Electrocuted
A six-year-old Newton, Mass., boy, Albert Nevorkian, Jr., was electrocuted as he played in front of his gaily decorated Christmas tree. He was killed when he put his finger in an open socket of a Christmas tree light while lying on an iron hot-air register.

The deaths by states, with traffic listed first, fire second, and miscellaneous third:

Alabama 3-1-0; California 7-0-0; Connecticut 0-4-0; Florida 1-0-1; Illinois 4-0-2; Iowa 2-0-0; Kentucky 2-0-0; Louisiana 1-0-0; Maryland 1-0-0; Massachusetts 13-1-1; Michigan 4-0-0; Mississippi 3-1-0; Missouri 2-1-0; New Jersey 1-4-0; New Mexico 1-0-0; New York 1-0-1; North Carolina 3-2-0; Ohio 10-0-1; Oklahoma 1-0-0; Oregon 3-0-0; Pennsylvania 6-2-0; South Carolina 1-0-0; Tennessee 1-1-0; Texas 6-7-0; Virginia 3-0-0; West Virginia 1-1-0; District of Columbia 1-0-0.

Citizens Plan Recall Of Springfield Mayor

EUGENE, Dec. 24. — (AP) — Recall charges against Mayor B. P. Larson, of Springfield, will be filed in the Springfield city hall in early January, as spokesmen of the Good Government league said Friday.

U. S. Burt, league chairman, indicated that formal recall charges would not be filed with the city recorder until after Jan. 1. He declared that members of the good government league felt that it was no longer possible for cooperation between the council and the people as long as Larson was in office.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE
Dennis J. Gasso, Roseburg, arrested by city police on a drunk driving charge, pleaded guilty in municipal court today and was fined \$150, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended upon payment of the fine. Gasso's license was revoked for one year, said the judge.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED
County Judge D. N. Busenbark today reminded Douglas county residents that the court house will remain closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's legal holidays.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstela

Wishing all of you a happy Christmas and a reminder to start practicing now writing in 1950.

Traffic Accidents Claim Three Lives In Portland Area

PORTLAND, Dec. 24. — (AP) — The worst wave of pre-holiday traffic accidents on record ushered in the Christmas weekend here today.

Three lives were lost in the Portland area. John Roger Smith, 65, Portland, was fatally injured when he drove into the rear of a bus that was discharging passengers at Gresham. Daniel Aaron Lake, 67, Portland, drove into a railroad boxcar on a siding in the city and was killed. An early morning collision took the life of Mrs. Nancy J. Werner, 26, Oswego, and critically injured her husband, John, 30.

Within Portland, there were 96 accidents bad enough to summon police by 7 a. m. today. And there were other scores of minor unreported collisions.

The accident wave started with drivers leaving office parties to head home through heavy rain. It was the wettest pre-holiday driving in recent years and results were spectacular.

One driver sideswiped six cars on one street, cracked head-on into another on a second street, then bounced over a vacant lot to a third street and rammed two more vehicles. Two persons were injured.

Another car sheared off a fire plug, two utility poles and knocked traffic sign 80 feet. The driver was unhurt.

In another, three persons were dumped from their car, then ran on 174 feet farthelp before hitting parked auto.

The three hit escaped serious injury. Carl W. Shreve, 27, Salem, his wife and daughter.

Johnnie Lusk Orchestra

A repeat performance by Johnnie Lusk's nine-piece orchestra will be featured tonight at the Roseburg armory, as members of the Roseburg fire department and volunteers present their 87th annual fireman's ball.

Fire Chief William "Dutch" Mills said Lusk's organization had again been contracted for this year's Christmas eve dance, following "the fine reception" the orchestra received here last year.

Fire department volunteers and regular personnel not on duty today will apply the finishing touches to the holiday decorations in which the armory dance floor has been garbed.

Dancing will be from 9:30 p. m. to 1 a. m., Mills said. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Wounded Policeman, Prisoner Recovering

LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 24. — (AP) — It will be a long time until recovery of either man is complete, but both city Policeman James Goodman and prisoner Ralph Burke were in "good condition" in a local hospital today after undergoing surgery necessitated by their wounds.

Burke shot Goodman in the city police station and then turned the gun on himself. Each man is wounded in the abdomen.

Police still are unable to explain why Burke suddenly grabbed the gun of another policeman and began shooting.

GRANDFATHER WEDS

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 24. — (AP) — The Rev. Silas L. Sears, 94, was on his honeymoon today, he married Mrs. Addie Jetter, 59, of Barberton, O., yesterday.

A great granddaughter of the bridegroom—by a previous marriage—was among guests at the wedding reception.

WORLD NEWS

Pope Pius Ushers In 25th Catholic Holy Year Amid Communist-Led Disorders

By The Associated Press
Pope Pius XII opened the holy door of the basilica of St. Peter in Rome today and thus ushered in the 25th holy year of the Roman Catholic church. The solemn ceremony was accompanied by Communist-led disorders which failed to interrupt the program.

SANTA REIGNS

A Communist-led general strike was called and later called off by the chamber of labor to protest police measures against a peasants' meeting which would have been held simultaneously with the Vatican's A. Comm. Communist-led church also stoned the Spanish shrine in Rome, protesting the opening of the holy year.

Union executives cancelled the strike the last minute because of the assurance given by the prime minister that the strike would be a 600-day strike.

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The man who map strategy in the cold war, the law and run the nation, was away from the White House Christmas Eve by remote control from Independence, and to follow that by a broadcast message to the nation (about 5:17 p. m. EST).

The rest of the world also will hear a Christmas greeting from the President, broadcast by the "Voice of America."

Former Secretary of State George Marshall issued a Christmas statement in which he said:

Windstorm At Pendleton Blocks U. S. Highway 30

PENDLETON, Dec. 24. — (AP) — A howling windstorm, with a peak gust of 74 miles an hour at 1 a. m. today, raked Pendleton and the northeastern Oregon area last night, and did not subside until 8 a. m. today.

The storm blacked out power facilities in many parts of Pendleton, blocked U. S. Highway 30 west of Pendleton for nearly an hour, and caused considerable damage to the P. P. & L. company system throughout the region.

Wind blew down a power pole on Highway 30 east of Pendleton blocking the highway for an hour between 1 and 2 a. m. this morning.

COOK'S BAY WILL BURNS

COOK'S BAY, Dec. 24. — (AP) — Flames destroyed the Cook's Bay Logging company's planing mill in North Bend last night. The loss was estimated at \$30,000.

A short-circuit in an electric motor was believed to have started the fire.

ICC MEMBER DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — (AP) — Carroll M. Miller, a member of the Interstate Commerce commission since 1933, died today. He had been ill for two months.

Hospital Conveys Deed To Property

Deed to the property on which is to be located the new County Home building was conveyed by the Douglas Community Hospital Friday, and was placed on file in the office of the county clerk.

The county recently purchased the property, which is directly north of the Community hospital site, at a cost of \$17,056. This figure was paid for the home site and rights-of-way to the property.

The county is raising funds through a two-year four-mill tax levy, which is expected to net in excess of \$400,000 over the two-year period.

Final plans for the new building have been authorized by Douglas county court, and approval of preliminary plans prepared by Architect William Laing of Medford.

The county plans that construction started on the project early next spring. The building will house 64 beds on one level, with ramps to all exits.

Original plans for the building were of concrete and brick with a wall of fire.

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Railroads Get Coal Priority Through Order

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — (AP) — An emergency government order gave the nation's fuel-hungry railroads first crack today at coal produced in mines from which they normally get their supplies.

The Interstate Commerce commission announced the action yesterday to keep the nation's rail transportation from breaking down in the busy holiday travel season and in the wintry weeks which follow.

The order became effective at the mines at a minute after midnight and will continue in effect until midnight February 25.

Dwindling coal stocks, the result of a production cut-off ordered down by the Federal Reserve, and a coal shortage in the Midwest, led to the order.

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WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



DALE OWEN, manager of the meat department at Fairhaven Market, stands beside a machine "where I spend a lot of my time," he explained, "making little pieces out of big ones." Dale and his father owned a market for seven years at Cass and Rose streets, where Dale's is now. Selling out to Kampfers, Dale became manager of the latter firm's retail sales at their headquarters in Albany, where he remained for nine years. Dale, Mrs. Owen and their three children live on South Dear Creek.

YULE ROUNDUP

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Miss America To Marry Boy Friend Who Advised Her Not To Enter Contest

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24. — (AP) — Miss America announced her engagement to her high school and college boy friend who hated beauty contests.

Jacque Mercer, vivacious brunette from Litchfield Park, Ariz., breezed in 45 minutes late last night for the engagement party at which it was revealed she will marry Douglas Cook, 20-year-old art student, on July 4.



No News-Review on Monday



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