

New Campaign Set To Raise Hospital Funds

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.

The board of trustees 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.

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.

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 DENIED

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.

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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Railroads Get Coal Priority Through Order

ICC Acts To Prevent Breakdown Of Nation's Rail Transportation

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 the coal shortage in the West, had caused all railroads to pile up orders for coal.

The commission's order was a "stop-gap" measure to keep the railroads from running out of coal.

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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.

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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.

A crowd of 300,000 people jammed St. Peter's square for the ceremony. The ringing of bells signaled to the people that the pontiff had, with three strokes of a silver hammer, opened the door and inaugurated the jubilee which is expected to attract 6,000,000 pilgrims to Rome before it ends a year hence.

Strikes Called Off
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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 trapped from their car, which then ran on 174 feet farther before hitting parked auto.

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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

Local Merchants Whip Up Season With Good Sales

Roseburg merchants today wind up what may prove to be one of the best Christmas merchandise selling seasons in local history, as last-minute shoppers crowd stores to aid Santa in their gifts for Christmas, 1949.

A cross-section survey of Roseburg's downtown business district Friday revealed that gifts this year will be mainly of a practical nature, with few of the customary "gift items" slated for local stockings.

One local merchant summed up merchants' observations by declaring, "People are buying value, rather than price. As a rule, we're selling higher priced, better quality merchandise, with the practical, sensible items most in demand."

Even variety stores and specialty shops, noted for their stocks of luxury merchandise and typical gift items, report success in purchasing gifts.

But judging from all indications, children of the Roseburg area will find more than their usual share of toys under this year's Christmas tree. Every local merchant contacted said toys were selling faster than in previous holiday buying seasons, and in greater quantities.

Closing hours for most Roseburg retail stores is 5:30 this evening, although a few merchants have indicated they may close earlier. "If there appears to be no need to remain open longer."

Top all-city social event for Saturday is the 67th annual Firemen's ball, to be held tonight at the Roseburg armory. Off-duty firemen will spend most of the day putting on last minute touches to their Christmas decorations. Johnnie Lusk's nine-piece orchestra will provide the music.

Al Lamp, 52, Clackamas, was ordered released Thursday by Assistant District Attorney James Richmond, in the absence of District Attorney Robert G. Davis, who is on vacation.

Lamp was the object of a long search at the time Joseph Louis Kiel was arrested for the murder of Francis Stanley Tucker. Lamp was charged with compounding a felony, when apprehended, said Richmond.

Kiel has since then been sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary in connection with the alleged strangulation death of Tucker.

WILL GO TO PEN
Joseph McKee, 54, Myrtle Creek, will be taken to the Oregon State penitentiary Monday by Deputy Dallas Bennett, Sheriff O. T. Carter said. McKee pleaded guilty to charges of larceny and burglary and was sentenced to serve a total of 15 years, when he appeared before Judge Carl Wimberly Friday.

HONOR DUE AEC CHIEF
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — (AP) — David E. Lilienthal, retiring chairman of the Atomic Energy commission, is to receive the Phi Delta Epsilon merit award for contributions to medicine and humanity.

Dr. Meyer Stolar of Washington said today the award will be made next Wednesday at the medical society's banquet here.

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.

Sign Announces Event
A big sign "We'll lose our independence on Independence Day" announced to the 400 guests that 18-year-old Jacque and her "steady" of five years standing planned to visit the preacher. They don't think she'll have to give up her Miss America title when she becomes a Mrs. Jacque Mercer.

Her face, curves and acting won the acclaim of the Atlantic City judges in the big contest. Her measurements: Five feet four-inches tall, 106 pounds, 34-inch bust, 22-inch waist, and 34-inch hips.

ed the party decorations. Then they hurried out to change clothes and did not get back in time for the start of the party.

No Engagement Ring
There wasn't any engagement ring. "We plan just to have a double ring wedding ceremony," Jacque explained.

When Doug left for classes at the University of Chicago, he advised Jacque against entering a Miss Phoenix contest. Evidently not a woman to be swayed, the native Arizona ranch girl not only became Miss Phoenix, she became Miss Arizona and Miss America as well.

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