

MERCY HOSPITAL TO ADD \$300,000 UNIT

Structure To Accommodate 45 To 50 Beds

Facilities For Service To Be Increased; Beds Will Be Opened Jan. 18

Slater Mary Austin, Superior of Mercy hospital, announces immediate plans to build a new three-story hospital unit, to cost \$300,000, adjoining the site and to become an integral part of the present hospital building.

The new unit will be a fire-proof building of reinforced concrete construction, 40 x 80 feet in dimensions, consisting of sub-basement, basement and two upper stories with a 45-bed capacity for patients. In emergency this arrangement will allow for the use of 50 beds, under Oregon State Board of Health regulations.

The new unit will house the maternity ward and the nursery as well as the rooms for general hospitalization purposes; dining rooms, cafeterias and kitchens and the complete dietary department, all to be serviced by passenger and freight elevators.

An emergency boiler will be installed in addition to the one for daily use, which in itself will be of capacity great enough to serve not only the present hospital and the new unit but also an additional two stories when and if these should be added to the latter, Slater Austin reports.

The surgery, x-ray room and many of the utility departments

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Beats Daughter With Hammer To Prevent Wedding

UNION, S. C., Dec. 30.—(AP)—A textile worker has admitted he beat his daughter with a hammer Christmas eve to keep her from marrying, police reported.

Police Chief H. H. Willard said Charlie Eubanks, 59, made the admission in a signed statement. Eubanks' daughter, Virginia Grace, is in critical condition in a Charlotte, N. C., hospital. A high school junior and choir singer, she was found with a crushed skull beside the family Christmas tree.

The father's statement said he bludgeoned his daughter because she was the only dependent he had to wait on him. His wife is a hotel waitress and was working the night of the attack. Eubanks had been in ill health for about three months.

Virginia Grace had been dating a 22-year-old Navy veteran and textile office worker, James Estes. Friends said they planned to marry and that the girl was to receive an engagement ring for Christmas.

Disciplined Drivers Get Little Public Sympathy

SALEM, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Only 15 persons attended a public meeting held last night by taxi drivers, who wanted to present their case to the public. Eighteen taxi drivers also were there.

The drivers protested against a city ordinance to make them stay in their cabs, wear uniforms, confine passengers to the back seat, and use only designated taxi stands for parking.

The ordinance was approved after 14 men, including 11 taxi drivers, were arrested for rape and contributing to the delinquency of a 14-year-old girl.

Creek Yields Body Of Missing Lane Woman

FALL CREEK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The 48-hour search for Mrs. Eloise Blosser ended Thursday afternoon with the discovery of her body a quarter of a mile below Little Fall creek bridge. This is about 14 miles southeast of Eugene.

Emmett Gibson, Fall Creek, found the body in some brush along side the creek almost two miles from the spot where her shoes, sweater and stockings had been found Tuesday afternoon.

The coroner's office reported that death was due to drowning but indicated that an autopsy would be held.

LUMBERMAN DIES

LEBANON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Benjamin F. Johnson, 46, Portland and Lebanon lumberman, died suddenly here yesterday on a business trip.

Coroner Glenn Huston said death was probably due to a heart ailment. An autopsy was ordered.

Johnson is survived by the widow and three children.

Lovely Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

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CITY SCHOOLS' EXPANSION

Nearly \$400,000 Spent In 1949, Like Sum Slated Next Year, Supt. Elliott States

By WARREN MACK
The year 1949 has seen partial completion of the greatest building program in the history of the Roseburg school system, but this record may be eclipsed during the coming year by construction of two new buildings.

This is the opinion of City Schools Superintendent Paul S. Elliott, who said earlier this week expansion of the city's educational set-up has already cost \$376,745.91, with nearly \$50,000 yet to pay on improvements and additions built during the year.

"Our total is about \$400,000 for the year," Elliott said, "with at least an equal amount to be spent in 1950." He pointed out that the school system has a bond issue of approximately \$895,000 with which to finance expansion during the years 1949 and 1950.

Nearly completed during 1949 is the central heating plant providing heat for Senior high and Fullerton grade schools at an approximate cost of \$78,000; the Benson grade gymnasium-auditorium, approximately \$41,000; the eight-room addition to Fullerton grade school, approximately \$118,000; and Riverside grade school's 13-room addition, costing about \$168,000.

However, local educators are already bemoaning the cramped quarters and lack of space caused by Roseburg's ever-increasing school population, and especially is this true of the high school.

According to Elliott, all 21 rooms added to Riverside and Fullerton are now in use, 17 of them constantly as classrooms. But in order to alleviate the room shortage forecast for the next school year, Elliott said all 21 rooms must be used as class rooms and the Edenboro and Sylvania Valley schools (now idle) must be utilized for the anticipated student increase.

And Elliott declares, "Even this will not adequately provide for next year's school enrollment."

New Plan Conceived
An idea on which local educators and the school board have been conferring for some time will correct this condition and, at the same time, give Roseburg one of the few senior high school "campuses" in the state.

Although still tentative, Elliott said the plan will call for expansion of the senior high facilities by moving into Fullerton grade school and constructing a new 7-to-9 room library-arts building in the area now devoted to parking space in front of the present

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FOREIGN AID TOO COSTLY

People Want Home Needs Given Attention Priority, Cong. Ellsworth Reports

By CHARLES D. WATKINS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) said today that after traveling 4,000 miles in his district and making 51 speeches he is convinced that the people are more interested in their government than ever before.

Ellsworth said he found the voters deeply concerned over deficit spending and definitely in favor of curtailing government costs.

"It seemed to me," he told a reporter, "that the people as a whole are worried over their belief that our government is devoting more attention to solving the problems of the world than it is to solving problems on our domestic front."

"They want our own affairs to be given attention before we continue foreign aid at the high level at which it has been carried on. And they seem to feel that it is most important to keep our government strong and that this is the most important thing to

The Weather
Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday with occasional rain showers or mixed rain and snow this afternoon and tonight continued cool.
Sunset today 4:46 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

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2 Women Accused In Bridges Trial Phase

Witness Tells Grand Jury Of Tampering Try

Threat To Disrupt Home Life, Alleged; Accused Women Deny Charges

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The government has indicted two women for trying to get a prospective prosecution witness to alter his testimony.

The same federal grand jury which indicted Bridges, west coast coast CIO longshore leader, and two aides returned the secret indictment yesterday against:

Mrs. Jean Murray, 33, who described herself variously as an "internationalist"; a divorcee, an "itinerant philosopher"; and a member of the working class; and—

Mrs. Betty Teixeira, 29, ex-wife of a former San Francisco supervisor and state assemblyman, who was named by the State Senate committee on Un-American Activities as active in left wing movements.

The indictment carries two counts. It accuses the women with conspiring and attempting to intimidate Mervyn Rathborne, onetime secretary treasurer of the California state CIO and former close associate of Bridges.

Both women denied the charges. They were arrested and booked separately.

Rathborne has been called a

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Northwest To Be Buried In Ice—in 50,000 Years

SPOKANE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Gold? No, says Dr. H. P. Hansen of the Oregon State college botany department—come back in about 50,000 years.

Along about then, Hansen told the Pacific Northwest Scientific association yesterday, the entire Pacific Northwest will be covered by an ice coat many feet thick.

He bases his prediction on the old—but scientifically proven—fact that the ice sheet of the last glaciation period was 8,000 to 10,000 years ago," he explained. "A new wet period started about 4,000 years ago and the general trend has been toward continued coolness and increased moisture."

War Power Given In Hong Kong As Strike Threatens

HONG KONG, Dec. 30.—(AP)—This British crown colony, faced with the possibility of a general strike, today gave its governor virtual war powers to use at his discretion.

Emergency regulations were published empowering the governor to take steps to meet attack or internal disorder. He was authorized to requisition manpower, property, bar strikes and lockouts in essential services and to utilize extraordinary police powers that would put the colony on a war footing.

The governor may also ban seditious organizations, prohibit meetings likely to cause disturbances, detain or expel any person from the colony, search premises, vehicles, ships and planes. All types of traffic in and out of the colony were placed under his rigid control.

Hong Kong lies just off the China south coast. It long has been coveted by the Chinese who leased the island to Britain a century ago.

The alliance between Britain and the Communist government in the Soviet orbit—to accept Mao Tse-tung's Communist regime as the legal government of the vast Asiatic continent.

India's next-door neighbor and former sister in the British colonial empire, Burma, also has recognized the Peking government and turned her back on Chiang Kai-shek.

Great Britain and her dominions are expected to take similar action, probably after the conference of commonwealth foreign ministers which opens Jan. 9 in Colombo, Ceylon.

There was no explanation immediately forthcoming of why India preceded the other commonwealth countries in proclaiming recognition. But in former sources gave these three reasons for the recognition itself:

1. The Communist government controls practically the whole of China.

2. There was no evidence that the mass of the Chinese people was opposed to the Communist regime.

3. The new government had agreed to abide by its international obligations.

Rifle Of Jailed Man Identified In Slaying

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A .30-30 caliber Stevens rifle, found in the cabin of a man held at Grants Pass on a murder charge, was the weapon that killed Bird McGuire Wilson, 46, Missouri Flats moonshiner, Friday.

That was the ballistics report, today from Stanley MacDonald, head of the Multnomah county sheriff's criminal identification department.

A .30-06 rifle, owned by Wilson and found across his lap, did not fire the fatal shot, MacDonald added.

Frank Crawford Paul, 44 neighbor of Wilson in the Missouri Flats district south of Grants Pass, is held without bail in the jail at Grants Pass.

MacDonald identified the death weapon as Paul's from a bullet fragment which passed through Wilson's head and lodged in the cabin wall.

Operator Injured In Elevator Accident

Richard McClintock, Medical Arts building elevator operator, suffered cuts and bruises to a leg Thursday afternoon when his foot was jammed in an elevator mishap.

According to Leon McClintock, the operator's father, no bones were broken but the accident victim is still in Mercy hospital for treatment.

The elder McClintock said possible serious injury was averted by Sam Shoemaker Jr., a passenger in the elevator, who stopped the car and lowered it to release young McClintock's leg.

Communism's Spread Spurs U. S. To Action

Plans Made To Augment Naval Fleet In Far East, Aid In Formosa's Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The United States was reported today to be shaping a vigorous new policy—backed by a beefed-up Asiatic fleet—to block the spread of Communism in the Far East.

The Navy said the 27,000-ton, 45-plane aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers have been dispatched to strengthen the Seventh task fleet based in the Philippines.

Announcement of this shift in naval power late yesterday followed a session between President Truman and his top military and diplomatic strategists. Members of the National Security Council wouldn't say what went on, but it is known that planners have prepared a blueprint on Asiatic policy for Mr. Truman's approval.

At the same time, the State department broadcast to U. S. shipping lines a warning from the nationalist government of China that the approaches to

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Negro Wins Round In Racial Action

SPOKANE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Hazel Scott, the Negro pianist, has won the first round in her \$50,000 racial discrimination suit against a Pasco, Wash., restaurant owner.

Federal Judge Sam Driver yesterday denied a defense motion to dismiss the suit, brought against Mr. and Mrs. Harry Utz.

The judge ruled that restaurants are included in a 1969 state civil rights law that makes it a misdemeanor to show discrimination in "any place of public accommodation."

Miss Scott charges in the suit that she was refused service in the Utz restaurant last February because she is colored. She was enroute here for a concert when her bus stopped at Pasco for lunch.

Defense attorneys argued in filing the dismissal motion that it was not a question of racial discrimination, but a matter of freedom to contract.

Miss Scott is the wife of Rep. Adam C. Powell (D-NY).

500 Lives To Be At Stake In New Year's Eve Revel

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A saving of about 500 lives in 1949 depends a great deal on the nation's driving and walking habits tomorrow night.

This dividend in human life was forecast today by the National Safety Council after going through its traffic score sheets for the first 11 months of 1949.

The 500 figure may be revised upward or downward, depending on motorists' and pedestrians' behavior on New Year's eve, the council said.

A final traffic death toll for the year was forecast at 31,500. Last year the toll was 32,000.

Notes Or Money? Issue Raised In Estate Currency

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Are those \$10 bills in your pocket or the late Wallace Beery's cash box honest-to-goodness money?

Attorney Adrian Krigen for the Beery estate says they are not.

How does the man get that way? Listen to Krigen:

"If you look in the corner of what you call a \$10 bill, but which is a Federal Reserve bank note, you will see that it says This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private, and is redeemable in lawful money at the United States Treasury, or at any Federal Reserve bank."

Notice how it calls your ten-spot a "note" and that it's "redeemable in lawful money."

"That's our whole point—it isn't money. It's a note. And notes, if they are taxed at all, should be taxed under the county's solvent credit classification, like accounts receivable or bank accounts, at only \$1 a thousand instead of more than \$5 a hundred."

The estate is demanding a refund of some \$33,800 which Los Angeles county taxed the \$670,000 in currency which Beery left in safety deposit boxes. The county took the orthodox view that it was money and levied a personal property tax of about \$5.50 a \$100.

LIBRARY AIDE NAMED

SALEM, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Miss Eloise Ebert, who has had charge of United States Army libraries in occupied Germany, is the new assistant state librarian.

Her appointment was announced by State Librarian Eleanor Stephens. Miss Ebert succeeds Mirph Blair, who retires tomorrow.



SANTA WORKED A SWING SHIFT at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Monday evening, Dec. 19 when the phone office girls participated in a Christmas party in their lounge. A turkey dinner preceded entertainment and exchange of gifts. Mrs. Andy Fisher related a Christmas story and Mable Drake provided music from a marimba. The turkey for the dinner was provided by the Roseburg Fire department.

Pictured above with Santa, capably portrayed by Betty Neureiter of the traffic department, are a portion of the 64 girls who keep the "number please" so pleasant at the other end of your telephone. If you remember that day there was no break in your telephone service because the girls rotated between the party and their duties.

In the first row, left to right are Loretta Haystead, Margaret Benner, Edith Wambolt, Cleo Noyer, Thelma Hoobery; second row, left to right: Mary Westlake, Mabel Drake, Barbara Prince, Betty Neureiter, Elinor Apple, Isabel Fisher, Shirley Wieskamp, Nadine Johnson; third row, left to right: Barbara Dowd, Phyllis Pearson, Ardyth Hough, Maybelle Knaggs, Donna Dunham, Patricia McEwen, Jean Mason, Lois Luellen, Mary Hooten, Letitia Graham, Dorothy Dingham; fourth row, left to right, Alta Edwards, Irene Bell, Connie Augustus, Sue Persick, Rosemary Schmid, Mae Herstine, Juanita Drake, Gloria Gaston and June Gaines.—(Picture by Bud Mason).