

Smaller Teaching Hospital Given Board Approval

PORTLAND (U) — Plans for a smaller and less costly teaching hospital at the University of Oregon Medical School were approved by the State Board of Higher Education Tuesday. The university also got a go-ahead for preliminary plans on a men's dormitory addition at Eugene.

On personnel matters, Dr. Arthur A. Esslinger of Springfield, Mass., was named dean of the school of health and physical education at the University, effective next July 1.

Esslinger will succeed Dean Ralph W. Leighton, who is to retire. Esslinger, wartime head of the Army's physical training program, was director of physical education at Stanford from 1938 to 1943.

The smaller hospital building was made necessary by rising costs. It calls for 277 instead of the original 355 beds. The building committee said it also would be possible to leave the 12th floor unfinished if necessary. The part of the building devoted to teaching and research was left unchanged.

The John Straub dormitory at the University is to be enlarged to accommodate an added 300 men. It is a self-financing project.

The board also made its usual January revision of the courses of study, deleting various courses which have drawn insufficient interest or which have been largely incorporated into other courses. Chancellor Charles D. Byrne noted that the changes occasioned a net reduction of 48 hours of work offered.

National Book Awards Announcement Given

NEW YORK (U) — National Book awards, made annually by the book industry, were presented Tuesday night to Ralph Ellison, Bernard DeVoto and Archibald MacLeish for the most distinguished works of 1952.

MacLeish, 50, former librarian of Congress, won the poetry award for his "Collected Poems, 1917-1952."

DeVoto, 55, novelist and historian, won the nonfiction prize for his "The Course of Empire," which traces early exploration in America.

Ellison, 38, a Negro writer from Oklahoma City, received the fiction award for his novel, "Invisible Man," a story of the struggle and problems of a young Negro in modern America.

Misuse Of Veterans' Priorities Charged

LOS ANGELES (U) — Five Oregon men and one from Washington State are under indictment here on federal charges of misusing veterans' priorities in the purchase of war surplus trucks.

Assistant U. S. Atty. Ray Kinison identified them Tuesday as John M. Fields, Rex Clemens and George Shroyer of Philomath, Ore.; Francis William Fetherston and Ben Ellis of Corvallis, Ore.; and John Frank Burkhardt of Yakima, Wash.

FIRE DAMAGE

PORTLAND (U) — A fire, believed started from a short circuit in electric wiring, did an estimated \$50,000 damage to an 18-unit apartment house in Southwest Portland—the Bonnaville apartment—Tuesday.

Proposal Would Combine Fish Game Bodies

SALEM (U) — A proposal to combine the State Fish and Game Commissions might be introduced by Ed Cardwell, Sweet Home, vice chairman of the House Fish and Game Committee.

Cardwell said there is considerable sentiment in the House for the idea, but that he's going to study it some more before deciding whether to introduce it.

The Fish Commission regulates commercial fisheries. The Game Commission administers the hunting and sports fishing laws.

The two commissions often are at odds.

"It looks like it would make sense to combine the two commissions," Cardwell said, "because it would save money and duplication of effort."

"Often the two commissions are working in the same river, doing the same work independently of each other."

"It also would stop the bickering between the two commissions."

Astoria Taxi Drivers Settle On Base Pay

ASTORIA (U) — Union taxi drivers and dispatchers here reached agreement with operators Tuesday on wage increases. Eli McConkey, business agent for the AFL teamsters' union, announced.

The drivers accepted a base pay of \$7.50 a day plus 10 per cent of the fares, or 45 per cent of the fares, whichever is greater. This represents a 50 per cent increase in base pay.

Dispatchers got their full request of a 15 cents an hour pay increase, making their hourly pay \$1.25.

Board Of Education Again Looks At Report

PORTLAND (U) — The State Board of Higher Education is going to take another look at the Anderson report on teacher education. It was a surprise reversal of previous action.

Earlier this month the board rejected the Anderson report which recommended limited liberal arts degree work at the three colleges of education.

But just minutes before adjournment Tuesday, Frank Van Dyke, board member from Medford, moved that renewed consideration be given the matter. He said he had talked the matter over with Gov. Patterson, and the governor said the decision should rest with the board.

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