

Boswell Springs Site Chosen For Hospital



ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROPOSED CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL at Boswell Springs gathered at Drain this week to lay plans for the project. At present the executive staff includes four officers, nine board members and three trustees. Standing from left to right are C. R. (Bob) Miller, Drain; Ernest Seaton, Drain; E. G. High, Roseburg; Vern Thomas, Ernest Whipple, Homer Blyth, all of Drain and Herschel Phillips, Yoncalla. Seated are Elmer Winslow (left) and Richard A. Duncan, both of Drain.



THE SOUTHERN OREGON CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN will be temporarily housed in this two-story building at Boswell Springs, about two miles south of Drain, off Old Highway 99. When remodeled, the structure will include 30 rooms. Excavation at the front will produce a two-and-a-half acre lake for fishing by patients. The 23-acre property will cost \$52,000 when completely paid for. (All pictures on this page by The Drain Enterprise).



PUMP STATION for the mineral springs on the proposed hospital site is surveyed by three officers of the children's hospital and rehabilitation site at Boswell Springs. They are left to right, E. G. High, Roseburg, executive director; Dr. Harrison Folk, resident chiropractor; Richard A. Duncan, Drain, president of the board of directors.

Directors Lay Plans For Large Crippled Children's Hospital Center

A crippled children's convalescent and rehabilitation hospital at Boswell Springs, about two miles south of Drain, is being shaped up for activation sometime next summer by Douglas County residents.

The founders, who are from northern and central county communities, have acquired a 90-day option to the 23-acre property, bordering both sides of Old Highway 99, and will have paid \$52,000 when the site is purchased in full.

Plans, according to Executive Director E. G. High, Roseburg insurance man, call for a new building to be erected later this year to replace the present two-story structure which will serve as a temporary hospital.

Facilities on the site include the 84 by 48 foot building housing 30 rooms and a large upstairs balcony, mineral springs and additional acres of land. Excavation at the front of the building will produce a large lake which will be stocked for fishing.

Plans call for an elevator to be built inside the house while outside it is planned to landscape the grounds.

The property will be purchased from Dr. Harrison Folk, resident chiropractor, who has used the former resort center in recent years as a source of deriving bottled mineral water from the springs.

The main springs are located on the east side of the highway while the house and most of the land is on the west side.

Directors of the hospital, plan to meet with an architect some time next week to draw up plans for remodeling and for a new building to be built later. Donations to help offset the purchase price have already been received, according to Lowell Anderson of Drain, one of the board members.

At a meeting in Drain in mid-week, officers added five more directors to the board which was composed last Saturday. They appointed Homer Blyth of Drain as

by-laws committee chairman for drawing up a constitution. Added to the board of directors were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Becker, Roseburg; Dr. Lydia Emery, Yoncalla; Dr. Robert Guderian, Forest Johnson and Stacy Johnson, all of Drain.

Sanders Appointed Original board members included Frank Voit, C. R. Miller Elmer Winslow and Lowell Anderson, all of Drain, and the hospital officers:

Richard A. Duncan, Drain, president; Herschel Phillips, Yoncalla, vice-president; Lee Darnell, Drain, treasurer and Mary M. Scott, Drain, secretary. Darnell replaces Mrs. Gertrude Whipple, who withdrew.

Trustees include Homer Blyth, Vern Thomas and Ernest Seaton, all of Drain, and hospital medical advisor is Dr. L. H. Imboden of Drain.

Attorney Don Sanders of Roseburg has been retained as attorney by the hospital, replacing R. L. Whipple of Roseburg, who withdrew.

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Three Persons Killed In Crash

BEND — Three persons were killed outright in a highway crash near here and a fourth person, at first believed dead, was being treated in a hospital here Thursday for severe injuries.

Elmer Griffen, 18, his young wife and their infant child, of Winterhaven, Calif., died Wednesday when their car collided head-on with a truck on a highway northwest of here. His mother, Mrs. Mary Frances Griffen, also a passenger in the car, was at first thought to be dead also. Later, however, she was found to be alive and was taken to a Bend hospital. She is the wife of Ernest Griffen, Sisters, Ore., rancher.

Police said that an empty logging truck, driven by Marvin T. Meek, started to pass a snow plow that was blowing a cloud of snow across the roadway. The truck collided head-on with the oncoming passenger car, police said. Meek suffered minor injuries.

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Illustrious History Marks Site Of Boswell Springs Near Drain

Organizers of the proposed Southern Oregon Convalescent Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children point to a long productive and illustrious history of the Boswell Springs center, site of the proposed hospital.

At one time, according to Board Member Lowell Anderson of Drain, the site was considered as having a "\$2,500,000 value potential" and

it was commonly known that the famous Bing and Bob Crosby of the entertainment world at one time had invested \$3,000 in the site.

Since 1949, the property has been owned by Dr. Harrison Folk who has been bottling and selling the calcium-rich mineral water. Anderson reveals that the water has been thought to be among the most valuable in calcium content in the world.

Folk bought the property from the Boswell Mineral Springs Corp. of the Hellwell Estate. As a resort center, it was originated by Capt. and Mrs. James Boswell early in the 1900's. In those days, history has it that the Southern Pacific passenger trains used to make a regular stop there, according to a story written in the Portland Evening Telegram in 1903.

In earlier days, it is said that the springs used to be a favorite resort of Oregon Indians. For many of the organizers, founding of the hospital marks the culmination of many years of effort to establish a crippled children's hospital in Douglas County. Several earlier efforts have failed.

Additional groundwork in the development will be laid, says Anderson, when the group holds its next organizational meeting at Boswell Springs on Jan. 30.

Shock Treatment Restores Beating Of Man's Heart

ST. CROIX FALLS, Wis. — William Frueling was alive Thursday because three quick-thinking physicians used an ordinary lamp extension cord to administer shock treatment after his heart stopped beating.

Frueling, 49, was on the critical list but "doing as well as can be expected" and unaware of Wednesday's drama to save his life.

He was operating the village snow plow Monday when he suffered a heart attack. An ambulance was called and he was rushed to the town's small hospital.

The three physicians, who asked that their names not be used, then gave this account: "The man's heart stopped beating. Without waiting for a wash-up we made an incision extending from the breast bone over the heart.

"One of us spread his ribs over the heart, reached in and massaged the heart with a bare hand. Another began giving artificial respiration. Oxygen was tubed directly into the lungs.

"The first response we got from the massage was a quivering—a spasm of the heart.

"Such a quivering ordinarily is that of a dying heart.

"We didn't have the equipment that a large hospital would have for administering electric shock so we pulled the end off an extension cord. We gave direct shock to both sides of the heart muscle twice without results. The third shock stopped the quivering.

Ryegress Growers Ask Commodity Commission

SALEM — Ryegress growers of Oregon have petitioned the State Department of Agriculture for a commodity commission for their product, reports Paul T. Rowell, market development chief for the department.

Public hearings on the proposal for this seed commission will be held as early as possible, Rowell says. Hearing dates will be announced at least 10 days prior to the hearings. Two hundred and seventy growers signed the petitions.

Looking ahead to the possibility that a referendum vote of growers may be called, the department is already seeking a complete list of ryegress seed growers in the state. Whether this vote will materialize will depend upon evidence presented at the hearings. However, if that evidence is favorable, the department wants to be in position to conduct the referendum vote without undue delay after the hearings.

To make this possible, the department has mailed notices to all seed cleaners asking for reports on ryegress seed cleaned last year for producers. Any seed cleaner who did not receive a copy of this notice is urged to make a report, for this the department will furnish a form to any cleaner requesting one. These reports should be returned to the department by Feb. 21.

Upping Vice President Gets Backing Of Ike

WASHINGTON — Rep. Wainwright (R-NY) reported growing interest today in his efforts to get the vice presidency out of what he called "a really crummy physical setup."

The vice president is the stepchild of the Senate and the orphan of the presidency," he said. Wainwright has introduced a bill to provide an official residence for the vice president and to give him more office space and more money for staff assistance.

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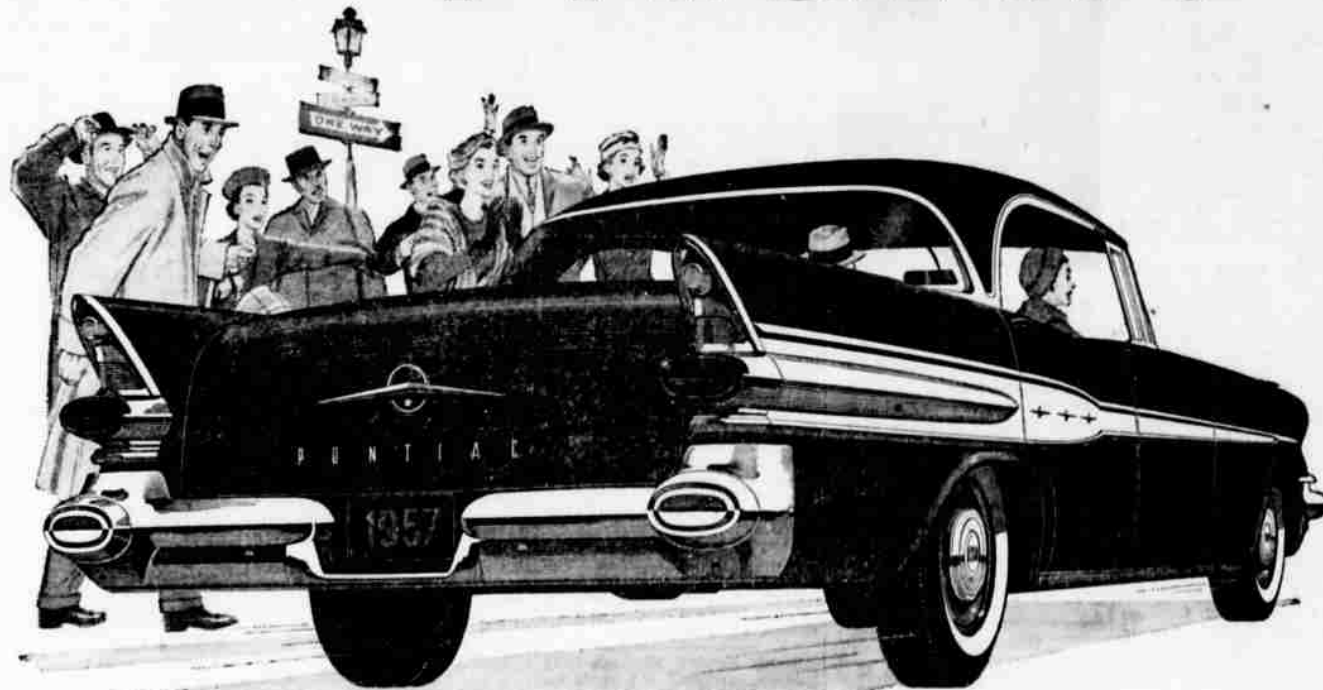
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