

Economic Benefits Of VA Hospital To Community Told To Local Kiwanians

The Roseburg Veterans Hospital contributes over two million dollars a year to the economy of the community.

It furnishes jobs to some 400 people, 90 per cent of whom were drawn from the Roseburg area.

These and other figures were cited by Dr. John A. Doering, new manager of the local veterans hospital Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua to indicate the importance the hospital has on the local economy. He was featured speaker at the weekly Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting.

Doering said this year's budget to cover costs of care and treatment of some 630 patients and operation of the facility runs to \$2,179,474. This covers such bills as the annual \$14,500 for eggs, \$5,000 for patients' shoes, \$3,000 for garbage and \$25,000 for utilities.

Much Spent Here

Of the budgeted amount more than two millions are coming back to the community and the rest is being spent in Oregon, Doering reported. In addition, he said, much of the money received by the veterans from pensions and other sources for private use is spent locally. He estimated \$36,000 a year is spent by patients who are released from the grounds on passes.

During his speech, Dr. Doering said the hospital would not be contributing to the local business recession despite a 2 per cent cut-back in funds of VA hospitals for the last fiscal year of the year. He said the Roseburg hospital would continue to operate without cutting down on jobs.

Doering also gave a brief explanation of the type of mental illness the hospital treats.

He said the patients had two general types of disorders. He tagged them "neuroses" and "psychoses."

The first, he said, is a disorder which crops up as the result of the conflict between the instinct to "preserve the race" and the restrictions placed on that instinct by society. Preserving the race, he said, calls for such primitive activities as sexual relations, eating and fighting. These, however, are overlaid by restrictions. The result for some people, he said is first, tensions and finally, anxieties that lead to a need for treatment.

Difficult To Treat

Meanwhile, the psychosis is the more difficult of the two to treat. It involves physical changes in the brain, Dr. Doering said this type of patient is increasing, one reason being because of the increasing longevity of the American people. "More than half the patients in VA hospitals are over 55 years of age," he said.

Another type of psychotic is

what Doering called the "functional psychotic" in whom no damage to the brain can be found. He said this "chronic illness" is also increasing. One classification of the illness is schizophrenia (a split from reality) which attacks people generally between the ages of 21 and 35 years.

Despite the difficulty of treating mental illness, Dr. Doering summed up, more than a third of the men are released from the Roseburg hospital each year.

Corvallis MYF To Present Play

Senior members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Corvallis will present a play entitled, "I Have Spoken To My Children," in the sanctuary of the Roseburg Methodist Church Saturday evening at 7:30.

The play deals with a Negro family in the South whose high school daughter has attended a newly integrated high school for the first time and all the tensions and conflicts involved.

The group of players has been on tour in several Methodist churches in the state and will end their appearances in this area to return to Corvallis Sunday.

Local young people will provide a potluck supper for the players in the church social hall and arrange lodging for the night.

Adults are especially invited to attend the play.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Harold Baker, Sutherlin; Elmer Peterman, Winston.

Surgery: Mitchell Josh, Roseburg; Mrs. Chris Hesel Dahl, Sutherlin.

Discharged

Mike and Donna Schofield, Riddle; Mrs. Irvin Syrie, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. James Rutter, Gene L. Couey, Mrs. Margaret Callen, Roseburg.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted

Medical: James McCoy, Mrs. Otto Matthews, Roseburg; Mrs. Earl Plueard, Sutherlin.

Surgery: Mrs. Edward Shislet, Mrs. Leonard Swamy, Walter Carter, Roseburg; Mrs. Dale Holcomb, Winston.

Discharged

Mrs. Clive Stevenson and baby, Elizabeth Annie; Mrs. Merlyn Hornbuckle, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Florence Center, Roseburg; Mrs. Wilson Linderman and baby, George Franklin, Winston; Henry Denn, Jake Croy, Camas Valley.

Skunk Meets Request Of Russian Visitors

CHICAGO (AP) — Three Soviet atomic scientists visited the Brookfield Zoo here — at their request because they said they had heard of it in the Soviet Union. The scientists asked zoo attendants to see "something that smells very badly." They were shown a skunk. They talked with excitement when they heard the rattle of an American diamondback rattlesnake.

The scientists, from Moscow University, came to Chicago last week to attend the 1958 Nuclear Congress.



SOUTHWEST OREGON PRESBYTERIAL will meet Thursday and Friday in Roseburg. Over 100 women from 10 Presbyterian churches in southwest Oregon will meet for business sessions and fellowship during the two days. All women of the Presbyterian Church and their friends are invited to attend. Mrs. Ivan Pickens is president of the local Women's Assn. Other members of her committee are seated, Mrs. Robert Beardsley, Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Glenn Anderson, Mrs. Maurice Newland, Mrs. Tom Parfetter, Standing, Mrs. Ivan Pickens, Mrs. David Evans, Mrs. Earl Agee and Mrs. Lloyd Myers.

Presbyterial Meet To Begin Thursday

Two special speakers are planned for the Thursday and Friday meeting of the Southwest Oregon Presbyterial.

Mrs. Ethan Collier, Synodical president, and Mrs. Lawrence Mitchell of Pullman, Wash., member of the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. are the featured speakers.

Meetings will open at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. At 6 p.m. a dinner will be served at the Methodist Church with a program to follow. Friday meetings will convene at the Presbyterian Church and sessions close with a 12:30 luncheon, again at the Methodist Church.

The Mother Goose Nursery will care for children during the two-day meeting. There is no charge and transportation, if needed, may be arranged by calling OR 3-8361.

Polio Shots Set For Dillard Area

By MRS. WALTER COATS

Polio shots for all adults in Dillard School District No. 116 will be given at the Douglas High School Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Adults from 20 to 40 years of age are eligible to receive shots. There will be no charge.

A Winston doctor will be in charge. The second shot will be given April 24. The Dillard district includes Tenmile, Lookingglass, and Winston-Dillard communities.

Visiting Grandparents

Jimmy Lockwood of Roseburg is spending several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lockwood, in Tenmile, while his mother Mrs. Larry Lockwood, is visiting her sister in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Coble of Hillsboro were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rathkey in Tenmile.

Elizabeth Taylor Near Collapse

CHICAGO (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor, on the verge of collapse, threw herself upon the casket of her husband, Mike Todd, before a funeral service Tuesday.

The beautiful brunette screamed wildly in grief as she approached the family plot in Waldheim Cemetery for simple services of the Jewish faith.

Todd, 30, and three companions were killed Saturday in an airplane crash.

The actress' feet never touched the ground as she was borne from her limousine to the graveside by her brother, Howard Taylor, and her physician, Dr. Fredford Kenner.

The funeral service consisted of a short Hebrew prayer and some verses from the Prophets.

Miss Taylor, giving up the plane berth provided for her, had arrived in Chicago earlier with several friends and Todd associates for the funeral.

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