

### Local Loans Sought To Aid In Seaside Hospital Expansion, At Crescent City

Inadequate to care for the demands made upon it, Seaside Hospital, Crescent City, must be expanded, Dr. Paul Ronniger, local staff member of the hospital reported, Friday. People of this area also may make \$100 loans to match state and federal funds, if they so desire by contacting him. Deadline for this fund-raising campaign is August 25, so he urges speed in the actions of local people.

In disclosing the plan to the Pilot, Dr. Ronniger said he had made a check last week, and that 20 per cent or more of the patients at Seaside Hospital were from the Brookings and Harbor areas. This, he asserts, should be reason enough for local citizens to be willing to lend money toward this hospital expansion.

By August 25, there must be

raised by popular subscription, a sum of \$54,000, which will be matched by state and federal funds to an aggregate of \$158,000.

Prompting this move was the defeat of the bond issue in Del Norte County July 1, when \$100,000 was sought for the expansion program.

Lenders, according to Dr. Ronniger, will be assured that their loans will be repaid, from a tax levy which will be assessed. In case the \$54,000 fund is not met by August 25, the loans will be returned to the local people intact, and without interest. If the sum is raised before the deadline, lenders may expect repayment by June 30, 1955, with 4 per cent interest for the time.

Those of this area who wish to help in the venture, are urged to contact Dr. Ronniger immediately so that the deadline will be met with success.

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Extensive radio communication systems are being installed by the Southern Pacific to facilitate the train operations in the Sierra, Cascade and Siskiyou mountains, enlarging the railroad's already extensive use of electronics, according to D. J. Russell, president of the company.

Freight trains operating over the Tehacapi mountains and along the southern California coast have been equipped with radio for some time, Russell said. The use of radio to speed communications in large switching yards of the railroad has been increasing rapidly for the past six years, he said.

The new installations, being carried on under direction of A. E. DeMattei, superintendent of communications for Southern Pacific, are expected to be completed before next winter.

In the Sierra, radio will be used to and from the "City of San Francisco," "San Francisco Overland" and "Gold Coast" passenger trains; to and from mobile units of snow-fighting equipment in the Sierra last winter. First permanent installations in the Sierra have been authorized in stations of Colfax, Emigrant Gap, Norden and Truckee, and these radios can be cut into wire circuits at any of the points to bridge possible wire trouble or to permit contact with any radio-equipped train within range of the stations, Russell explained.

He reported that the business cars of Supt. M. L. Jennings of Sacramento division and Supt. L. P. Hopkins of the Portland division have already been equipped with radios and are in regular communication with fixed radio stations while traveling over the divisions.

In Hopkins' division, in the Cascade mountains of western Oregon, radios have been installed temporarily at Eugene, Carter, Oakridge, McCredie Springs, Wicopee, Cruzatte, Fields, Cascade Summit, and Crescent Lake, and before next winter will be on all freight trains operating over the Cascade and Siskiyou mountains, Russell added.

In its mountain radio installations the railroad is using three radio frequencies, one frequency reserved for train crews in communicating between head and rear end of their trains, one for snow fighting equipment, and the third for communications with or thru the fixed stations. In the yards

other frequencies are used for the switch engines and the walkie-talkies.

The Misses Lois LeClair and Sharon Hayes have been enjoying a ten-day vacation at Richardson Grove, Calif., in the company of Miss Hayes' relatives.

### Notice!

Satellite Social Club picnic at Azalea Park, Sunday, Aug. 24. All Eastern Stars and families, all Masons and families are invited to come and bring picnic lunch, around 1:30 p. m. Coffee will be furnished by club.

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