

Two Hospital Patients Die In Accident

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immediate sector where tile was being laid, and here a support had been removed because of limited room in which to work.

Construction men intimated that a fall caused the cave-in since the clay soil in the area has the appearance of firmness.

O'Callahan's body was removed by volunteer workers at about 6:30 p. m., some three hours following the accident. Aplet was removed at about 8:30. Although the city first aid car stood by with resuscitator it was only formally, for examination revealed both had died almost instantly, whether from suffocation or compression the inquest will subsequently determine.

Dr. John Evans, state hospital superintendent, one of the first at the scene of the tragedy, when asked for a statement said: "This is one of those tough accidents that might happen to anyone. We thought we took all precautions in digging the sewer by installing timber supports and by taking other measures. The sewer is several hundred feet long, and with it near completion there never at any time had any indication of cave-ins. Timbers had been placed where we thought there was possibility of trouble—but we couldn't plant the timbers and lay tile at the same time since the sewer ditch was too narrow."

The sewer project extends along Center street on the grounds of the receiving ward, then turns south and empties into the city sewer. It is being constructed to meet needs of future hospital construction. The cave-in occurred on the receiving ward grounds.

Members of the state board of control indicated they would call for a complete investigation of the tragedy.

Allies Kill 3000 Japs in Indian Drive

B CHARLES A. GRUMICH
NEW DELHI, March 30. (AP)—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American and Chinese troops in northern Burma have slaughtered at least 400 Japanese in repulsing five savage counter-attacks launched in an attempt to rescue a force of approximately 1,000 Japanese trapped by a roadblock north of Letha in the Mogaung valley.

Stilwell's combined force, which encircled two makeshift battalions of the Japanese 18th division two days ago by cutting the main road 14 miles inside the Mogaung valley, threw withering fire into the frenzied attackers, and when the Japanese finally retired they left their dead stacked in front of the allied positions, it was disclosed today.

Perhaps the most amazing feature of the bloody fight was the discovery that not a single American or Chinese was killed and only a handful wounded. The toll of Japanese brought to at least 400 the number of enemy killed since Stilwell's forces swept into the Mogaung valley March 19 in their drive southward toward the main enemy base at Myittha.

Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters estimated that another 2500 Japanese had been killed by British forces opposing the enemy's invasion of India.

Other British forces opposing the Japanese thrust up the Tiddim road from south of Imphal drove the enemy from a vantage point and inflicted heavy casualties. If not actually stalled, the enemy's invasion of India appeared to have been firmly checked at all points.

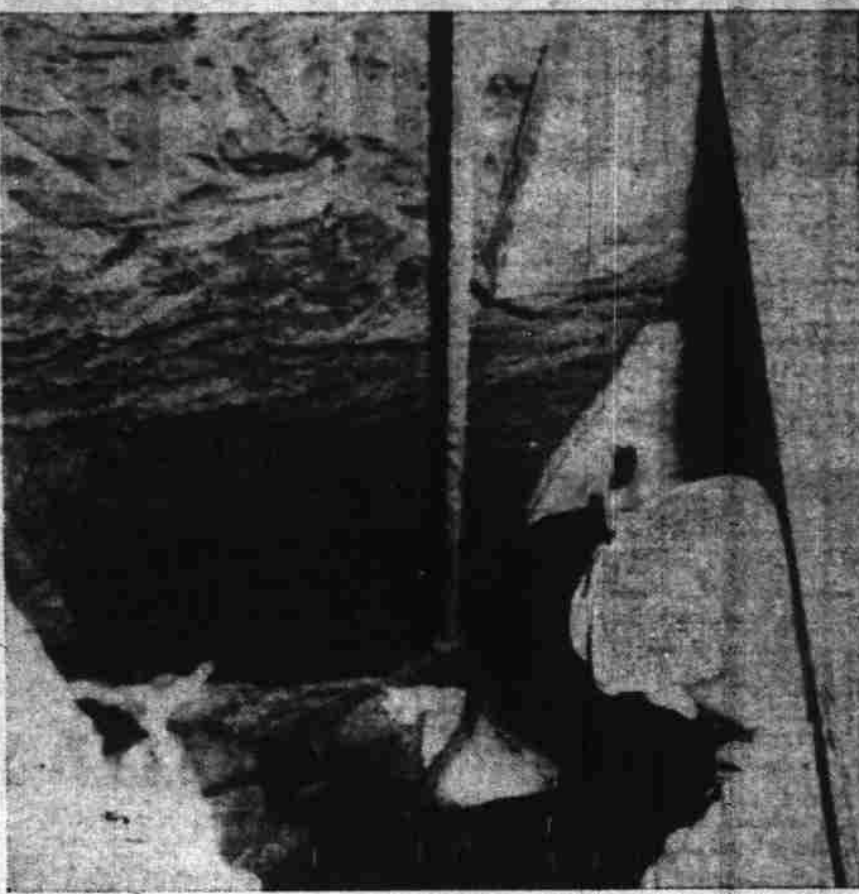
Wenger and Hardy Named on Rent Body

Declaring that press of personal business dictated their action and that the organization is functioning smoothly and that the heaviest portion of the work it has undertaken is over, Merrill D. Ohling and Lowell Kern on Thursday announced their resignation from the Salem fair rent commission.

Simultaneously, Mayor I. M. Doughton made public his appointment of Karl Wenger, assistant trust officer of the Pioneer Trust company, and William G. Hardy, of Hawkins & Roberts as new members of the committee.

Kenneth C. Perry succeeds Ohling as chairman of the commission, organized late last year.

Twenty-foot Ditch Traps Workers



Twenty feet below the surface of the earth, a workman labors to remove the body of a state hospital patient buried erect in the earth which crumbled from one side of the narrow ditch (the side toward the camera). Assisting in the operations, another man stands on part of the slide, at the right in the picture. Great clouds, breaking away from the once narrow sewer cut, left an eight-foot aperture where the bodies of the two men were taken out three and five hours after the accident. Wooden braces showing in the picture were placed to aid and protect rescue crews.

Red Cross Headed for \$80,000 Goal

Over their minimum quota by approximately \$3000, Red Cross war fund campaign workers in Marion county labor on today toward a new goal of \$80,000.

A few rural districts are not yet reported and no estimate has been made of the funds which may be received from the benefit dances to be held tonight at the Salem armory and at Crystal Gardens, Elton Thompson, chairman of the drive, said Thursday night.

Women workers in the residential districts of Salem had the largest single assignment and went over their quota a full 61 per cent, raising \$11,212.88 with a quota of \$7000. Mrs. Douglas McKay was chairman with Mrs. James T. Brand as co-chairman.

An equal record was made in governmental offices and institutions, where a \$4500 quota grew into \$7245.70 of actual contributions, or a 161 per cent report. Carl D. Gabrielson was chairman.

Every city division went over its quota, Thompson said.

The automotive division, with a quota of \$3000, raised 135 per cent, or \$4066.50. L. O. Arens was chairman.

Contractors bettered their \$4000 quota, raising \$4527, or 115 per cent; R. L. Elstrom, chairman.

General gifts, with a quota of \$5000, amounted to \$5244, or 105 per cent; Urlin S. Page, chairman.

Educational contributions amounted to \$1740.35, or 116 per cent of the division's \$1500 quota; Carl E. Aschenbrenner, chairman.

The industrial division raised 119 per cent of its \$6500 quota or \$7734.80; W. E. Kimsey, chairman.

Mercantile contributions, first completed, totaled \$7739.95, or 129 per cent of the \$6000 quota; E. Burr Miller, chairman.

With a total of \$4978.50, the professional division, Frank H. Spears, chairman, raised 111 per cent of its \$4500 quota.

Utilities division contributions totaled \$1559.05, or 104 per cent of the \$1500 quota; Ralph W. Johnson, chairman.

The suburban quota of \$1500 grew to \$1578.05 or 105 per cent; Mrs. L. J. Stewart, chairman.

Rural contributions totaled \$19,194.79.

Quotas were doubled at Brooks, where Mrs. Ronald Jones was chairman; at Labish Center, where Mrs. Harry Louvre was chairman, and at Mill City, where Mrs. Robert Schroeder headed the campaign.

Gervais, with Mrs. Lucille Booser as chairman; Sidney, Mrs. William Wiederkehr, and Stayton, where Mrs. Wendell Weddle has managed the campaign, are recently over the top.

Wage Increases Asked by Nurses

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30 (AP)—A demand of the Oregon State Nurses' association for wage increases from the Portland Council of Hospitals was filed with the US labor conciliator here today.

Jap Fleet on Run as Navy Attacks Palau

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detected the approaching task force suggests that the fleet force cruised south of Truk in closing in on Palau.

The Japanese had withdrawn warships from Truk after that naval base stronghold was battered February 16-17. Some observers believed that some enemy combat ships probably were using Palau as an operational base.

Earlier heavy bombers smashed at Japanese bases at Truk, in the Caroline islands, and Hollandia, northern New Guinea, and destroyed 172 enemy planes.

In the first bombing of Truk from the south Pacific, Liberator heavy bombers at midday pierced heavy Japanese anti-aircraft fire to score more than 200 direct hits on ship and hangar areas and parking aprons, and to destroy 49 enemy planes on the ground.

The attack was centered on Eten island in the Truk atoll. Ninety intercepting Zeros challenged the Liberators, which downed from five to 20 of the enemy planes as they harassed the raiders for 45 minutes during the flight back to base. The attackers lost only one plane.

In an earlier communiqué, General MacArthur reported that navy Catalina bombers had struck at Woleai island in the Carolines Tuesday night. The Japanese have a seaplane base and airfield at Woleai, which is 380 miles south of Guam, American possession occupied by the Japanese.

MacArthur reported other aerial activities, in which allied bombers struck at Japanese installations around the Bismarck sea.

Ninety tons of explosives set fire to installations at Rabaul, New Britain, and 95 tons were dropped on Wewak, northeastern New Guinea. Many buildings were destroyed at Wewak, only remaining enemy base in the Bismarck sea area.

Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Hansa Bay on the New Guinea coast, were raided again, and Babo, on the south shore of McCluer gulf at the western end of Dutch New Guinea, received another of several recent visits by allied bombers. Kavieng, New Ireland, also was bombed.

Early Settler Dies At Age of 85 Years

Mrs. Mary Ann Eskelson, one of the first settlers of Lexington, Oregon and a resident of Salem since 1920, died at her South High street home Thursday morning at the age of 85 years.

Her husband, Joseph Eskelson, whom she married in 1882, died last year.

Surviving are seven children: Nellie Palmer and Clo Van Winkle, both of Lexington; Ethel Wilcox, Hermiston; Earl Eskelson, Portland; and Josie Frederickson, Kathryn Daniel and James Eskelson, all of Seattle. Also surviving are thirty-two grand-children and 22 great grand children.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon company Saturday, April 1, at 1:30 p. m. with Rev. Joseph Knott officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park.

KSLM to Join Mutual Network Saturday

Network greetings to KSLM and to Salem as the capital city radio station joins the Mutual broadcasting system Saturday have been scheduled for 7:15 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 4:45 p. m. and 8 p. m.

A local dedicatory program with messages from prominent residents of the area going out over the network from KSLM studios here is planned for 5 p. m.

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LATEST NEWS!

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Selection of Elton H. Thompson, assistant manager of Ladd and Bush Salem branch of the US National bank, to attend the graduate school of banking at Rutgers university, New Brunswick, N.J., was announced here Thursday. He will attend two-week's resident session each year, completing other requirements while continuing his work here.

Thompson, second man now in the Ladd & Bush branch of the bank to be accorded the recognition, is the first to go from Salem to the nationally-recognized school. Jesse Gard was selected to attend the school while he was still connected with the bank in Portland.

Resident of Salem for 39 years, Thompson is a graduate of Salem high school, attended the University of Oregon for one year and has been employed by the United States National bank for 20 years. He started his banking career as bookkeeper and has worked in the various departments up to the position he now holds.

The standard certificate of the American Institute of Banking is his. He was president of the Marion county chapter of the AIB in 1929, was instructor in its course in banking fundamentals in 1943. Active worker in community chest, he has been chairman of this year's successful Red Cross war fund campaign in Marion county, is treasurer of the Cascade Area council of Boy Scouts, treasurer of Pacific lodge No. 50 AF & AM and was last night elected president of the Salem Softball league. He is a member of the American Lutheran church, is married and has two children.

The first session at Rutgers which Thompson will attend is scheduled to open June 17, 1944.

OPA Clarifies Meat Regulations

The office of price administration does not dictate which pieces of meat from the case a customer must purchase, an announcement issued Thursday from the Salem war price and rationing board of officials declares.

The statement was made to clarify evident misunderstandings concerning services and practices which may be rendered to customers by local meat retailers, a representative of the office declared.

If certain services, such as grinding, rolling or cutting were done by the butcher without charge during March, 1942, the base period, the same practice should now prevail, according to the maximum price regulation controlling commodities and services. The regulation also requires the dealer to post charts designating the prices on commodities having definite dollars and cents ceilings, these to be posted within reading distance of the customer.

The price department of the board is in close cooperation with retailers and will furnish information to both customer and dealer at any time," the statement declares.

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Reds Spread Along Border As Balkan Bid

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Marshal Stalin called it "an important economic and political center of northern Bucovina and a powerful stronghold in the German defenses of the river Prut covering the approaches to the frontiers of Hungary and Rumania."

A warning to the axis satellites to turn against Hitler or be invaded seems plainly implied.

The city was taken by storm after street fighting that began yesterday, and the Russians immediately spread out to take nearby villages. The Germans acknowledged a withdrawal.

Forty German transport planes preparing to take off with key German personnel were destroyed on the ground by Soviet aviators at Czernowitz shortly before that city fell to the red army.

For the fourth day since they reached the Prut river boundary of Rumania south of Czernowitz, the Russians refrained from crossing into Rumania proper, still leaving the door open for Rumania to chuck her German alliance and invite the red army in. The Russian hold on the boundary stream was extended to a total of more than 80 miles.

This respite meant no slackening in the general Russian drive, however.

Soviet troops pushed unchecked westward into the southeastern corner of old Poland and towards the old Czech border—now axis-Hungarian—at several points, the nearest being Delatyn, 15 miles from Tatar pass that forms the boundary and is one of the few crossings in that region.

Newberg Speeder Loses 4 Gas Coupons

PORTLAND, March 30. (AP)—Bert J. Carlson, Newberg, charged with violating the 35-mile wartime speed limit, was penalized by revocation of four gasoline coupons, the district office of price administration (OPA) said today.

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Portland Girl Baton Winner

Donna Fields, Portland, was named champion drum majorette from a field of 17 girl entries Thursday night in the annual competition sponsored by the Salem Elks lodge.

Second place went to Alberta Schmauder, McMinnville; third to Ruth Grayson, Forest Grove; fourth to Ruth Albright, Portland, and fifth to Slovieg Skagen, Milwaukie.

Mary Anderson of Medford, former University of Oregon majorette, and Lorraine Mason, who now twirls the baton for U of O officially, were judges. L. A. "Ham" Hamilton was inspection officer; James Byers and Paul Hale, auditors. Tom Hill was master of ceremonies.

Extension Service To Handle Farm Labor Placement

CORVALLIS, March 30.—The O.S.C. Extension service will handle both farm labor recruitment and placement in the counties this year without contracting with the U. S. Employment service for handling the placement work in certain counties as was done last year, William A. Schoenfeld, director of extension, has announced.

For the second year congress has placed the responsibility upon the Extension service for handling both the recruiting and placing.

but the latter phase was subcontracted last year, partly because of the late beginning of the program and because of the excellent relationships that had existed between the USFS and Extension service. After considering all phases of a possible similar contract this year, it was agreed by L. C. Stoll, state manpower director, and Dean Schoenfeld that the Extension service would undertake the entire program.

In each county the farm labor program will be handled under the direction of the county agent, either through his office or through a farm labor employment office established at the most convenient place during the peak seasons. The responsibility for recruiting and placing processing labor in canneries and similar plants is continued this year as a function of the United States Employment service.

"Because of the close relationship that exists between the problems involved in obtaining harvesting and processing labor, close cooperation and coordination between the two agencies will be continued in the effort to secure sufficient labor to harvest and process all Oregon crops in 1944," said Dean Schoenfeld.

Salem Boy in FFA Oratorical Contest

PORTLAND, March 30. (AP)—Six district winners will compete here Tuesday in the state championship oratorical contest of the Future Farmers of America.

Among contestants are Leonard Perlich, Salem, and Don Tykenson, Newberg.

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