

County Health 'On Increase' During 1947

As Marion county's population climbed to an unofficial 100,000 during 1947, an indication of continued growth was underlined by the large number of babies born here in the year just ended.

A total of 2,445 babies came into the world in this county during the first 11 months of 1947, according to a report of the Marion county department of health this week.

Though 770 deaths occurred in the year just passed, the county health department said that the county's "health was on the increase." Of those who died, 398 were males. In 1946 a total of 750 deaths (448 males) occurred in the county. Ten years ago the county annual death rate reached 681, with 375 being males.

In the stork department a total of 1,226 boys and 1,198 girls were born in the first 11 months of 1947. Births totaled 1,788 (918 boys and 870 girls) in 1946, and 10 years ago it was 530 males and 503 females.

All but 40 of the babies who arrived during the past year were born in hospitals. Last year 54 babies were born some place other than a hospital, and in 1937 the number was 464.

Communicable diseases caused 21 deaths in 1947, of which 17 were adults. Twenty-four such deaths (21 adults) occurred in 1946, and 10 years ago the number stood at 73 with 67 adults succumbing to communicable diseases.

Heart disease continued to be the leading cause of death with 226 deaths from this malady in 1947, 216 in 1946 and 191 in 1937. Cancer-caused deaths had dropped to 10 (two deaths) in 1946, but climbed to 173 in 1947 but resulted in only one death.

Pneumonia in 1947 totaled nine deaths in 1947, two in 1946 and 189 in 1937. Tuberculosis deaths in 1946, but climbed to 173 in 1947 but resulted in only one death.

Poliomyelitis rose to six in 1947 from two in 1946 and four cases ten years ago. Although 68 cases of scarlet fever cropped up in the county in 1947, not a single case resulted while the 38 cases in 1946 resulted in a single death as did the 90 reported in 1937.

Tuberculosis deaths, which numbered 70 cases (16 deaths) 10 years ago, and amounted to 45 cases (12 deaths) in 1946, caused 12 deaths in the 37 cases noted in the county during 1947.

Anti-whooping cough shots have reduced the instances of this disease from 123 (five deaths) in 1937 to 21 (one death) in 1946 and 33 cases without a fatality in 1947.

The maternal death rate per 1,000 live births, has been decreased in Marion county from 0.9 in 1937 to 0.61 in 1947. Infant death rate per 1,000 live births stands at 21 at the end of 1947, a comedown from the 41.9 of 10 years ago.

The county health department estimated that it spends 56 cents annually per capita to carry on its work. Ten years ago it was budgeted at 47 cents per capita. Health authorities here say that at least \$1 per capita should be expended to realize full benefits from the program.

Silverton Homes Given Prizes for Yuletide Lighting

SILVERTON, Dec. 31.—Grand prize in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce was awarded to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, 700 East Oak st. The entry came under the "stars" class. Judging names were not announced but judging was in charge of the Jaycees and awards were announced tonight.

Winners in the first division were Willard Benson, first; O. W. Olsen, second; Dr. E. L. Henkel, third. Winners in the north and west division were Victor Grossnickle, first; the Rev. E. S. Browning, second; Louis Wavre, third.

Rotary Sees Slides On Puerto Rico

Colored slides of scenes in Puerto Rico were shown at Rotary club's annual father-son luncheon Wednesday noon in the Marion hotel.

Dr. Edward H. McLean, Oregon City physician who lived in Puerto Rico as a boy and recently made a trip there with his family, showed the pictures and commented on them.

HOLLYWOOD
Opens 6:45
CLARK GABLE **DEBORAH KERR**
M-G-M's The **HUCKSTERS**
also
"GAY BLADES"
with
Allen Lane - Gene Rogers
Edward Ashley

Meteor Seen In Salem Sky

The meteor which was first reported from Klamath Falls was observed by Clark Moor Will, 1892 S. Liberty st., about 7:30 Tuesday night. He was on South Commercial street at the time, near Superior street.

The meteor appeared falling in a slight arc, at an angle of about 22 1/2 degrees from perpendicular. It seemed first a blue-green streak, then dull red, turning to flame red, and finally a short streak of red and it disappeared. It was observed in the southeast sky.

Rites Friday For Long-Time Salem Resident

Final rites for Mrs. Anna Socolofsky, 75, Salem resident since 1916 and lifetime member of the Calvary Baptist church, will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Friday at 10:45 a. m. Dr. Charles Durden will officiate, assisted by the Rev. George Martin, and interment in Belcrest Memorial park will be private.

Mrs. Socolofsky died in a local hospital Tuesday following an illness of three weeks. She was born in the province of Saratov, Russia, June 26, 1872, and came to the United States with her parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrlich when she was three years of age.

She settled in Marion, Kan., with her family and was married to David D. Socolofsky, who survived, in 1895. The couple moved to Salem in 1916, and have lived at the residence, 950 S. 12th st., since then. Mrs. Socolofsky was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Salem.

Surviving besides the widower are four sons, David D. Socolofsky of Salem, Edwin Socolofsky of San Pedro, Calif., Herbert G. Socolofsky of Tacoma, Wash., and Harold G. Socolofsky of Olympia, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Smith of Salem, and six grandchildren.

Hardware Store To Close During Renovation Period

Bramble's Hardware store, 362 State st., formerly Nollman & Engler hardware store, will undergo a complete renovation from January 10 to 30, during which time the store will be closed.

Paul Bramble, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., and Myles Henderson, Salem real estate dealer, who bought the store at an unnamed figure last week said that the renovation will carry Marshall Wells franchise. The business is now closed for inventory but will open again January 2.

Prior to coming to Salem in 1944, Henderson farmed for 39 years near Crosby, N. D. Bramble was in the farm implement business in Crosby for nine years. R. G. Nollman and A. G. Engler, former owners of the store, have indicated no personal plans for the future.

Reno 'Driest' Place on Earth; Weather, That Is

RENO, Nev., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reno laid claim today to the title of the most arid place on earth. Precipitation in 1947 totalled 1.53 inches, a record low in the 77 years weather records have been kept here.

Weather bureau officials said that made Reno more parched than the Sahara and Gobi deserts.

LOCKS NEED REPAIRS
West Linn, Dec. 31.—(AP)—River locks at the Willamette falls here will require repairs estimated to cost from \$30,000 to \$35,000 in 1948, said E. Walsh, district army engineers corps officer, said after an inspection trip.

CHINESE RED VICTORY
NANKING, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The communists were credited today with their first major victory in the Manchurian winter offensive, the capture of Changwu, outer bastion of Mukden 60 miles northwest of the city.

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Slight Rise in County Crime Rate in 1947

A preliminary annual report from the Marion county district attorney's office shows that crime in general in this county increased slightly during 1947.

The 463 criminal complaints handled by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden and staff, was described by Hayden, however, as not being too bad for a growing county of this size. Records show that many offenses such as rape, burglary, larceny and non-support committed in this county in 1947 are below the 1946 mark.

Outstanding increases were noted in forgery (34 cases in 1947 and 20 in 1946) and in charges of obtaining money by false pretenses and cashing checks with insufficient funds, both of which totaled 100 cases in the past year, Hayden said.

Other offenses which have been prosecuted by the district attorney's office or are still pending include drunken driving, 20; disorderly conduct, 23; rioting, 4; game law violations, 8; gambling, 8; adultery, 2; assault (and battery and with weapons) 29.

The office also participated in about 240 divorce cases (in 1947) and Hayden handed out 10 opinions to county departments on administrative law.

2 Cons Killed, 9 Recaptured

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Colorado's worst prison outbreak in 18 years, with a dozen warden fatalities, was written off as a failure tonight by possemen's bullets and shackles.

Of the 12 convicts smashing their way to freedom last night, only one still was at large. He was James Sherbrooke, 28-year-old murderer, called "mountain-wise" by Warden Roy Best.

Two convicts were killed and nine recaptured. Of these four were wounded and another beaten on the head by an intrepid ranch wife swinging a claw hammer.

Six guards and two nearby residents, one a woman, were shot or beaten.

Mihai Requests 60 Passports

BUCHAREST, Romania, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The abdicated King Mihai sought permits for himself, mother and 58 members of his entourage to leave Romania today, but his immediate departure was delayed until after New Year's day by unexpected developments.

Informed sources said the king has intended to leave this morning for Switzerland, but the trip was postponed probably until Friday by the necessity of discussing financial questions with members of the communist-dominated government.

Week-Old Descendant of First Oregon Governor Reported Homeless

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A descendant of the first governor of Oregon is homeless here. He is John Joseph Thomas II, great grand son of Governor John Whitaker, who headed the state of Oregon from 1859 to 1862.

John Joseph is one week old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas, can't find a house for him.

HOTPOINT PRICES CUT
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Hotpoint company, appliance manufacturing affiliate of General Electric, today joined GE in announcing price reductions ranging between 3 and 10 per cent on most of its products.

Too Late to Classify
60 PACKARD 116 Club coupe, very clean, exc. motor and rubber, 3 RM. HOUSE, close in, Ph. 6977.

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Now! A Happy New Year Show! First Time Show in Salem!

IT'S A HONEY OF A PICTURE
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Lost HONEYMOON
FRANCES HARTNEY
CLARENCE KOLE
UNA O'CONNOR
WINTON SEYMOUR

CO-FEATURE!
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Grains Move in Narrow Limits

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—In a typical pre-holiday market, grains moved within relatively narrow limits in a quiet trade on the board of trade today.

Exceptions to the small price changes were December corn and both March and May soybeans. The corn contract, representing next year's crop, dropped sharply in the closing minutes. Soybeans scored good gains in reflection of strength in the cash market.

Wheat closed 1 cent lower to 1 1/4 higher, May \$2.95 1/4-2.96, corn was 2 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher, May \$2.52 1/2-2.53, oats were 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, May \$1.10-1.19 1/4, and soybeans were 3 to 4 cents higher, March \$4.04.

News to influence grain prices was scarce. In general, the trade was waiting to see if marketings would expand in the new year and if the government would re-enter the cash market. Rain, snow and sleet fell in the southwest, which traders thought would benefit the winter wheat crop.

Stocks End Year on Rise

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Stocks ended the year today with good recoveries for selected rails and industrials on one of the best volumes for more than two months although many market leaders faltered.

Buying, mainly by professional, was based partly on hopes for the usual January upswing. Carriers were spurred by another interim rate boost. Considerable tax selling for cash was a handicap. All domestic exchanges will recess tomorrow for New Year's day.

While gains of fractions to a point or so—there were a few wider jumps—predominated, extreme advances receded in most cases and the minus column was well filled. Transfers totaled 1,540,000 shares against 1,380,000 Tuesday and were the largest since October 24. The month's aggregate of 27,805,272 shares compared with 16,370,922 in November and the highest since a claw hammer.

The Associated Press 60-stock composite was up 4 of a point at 65.7 and for the month showed a net gain of 1.8 points, widest since July. The December average for the rails advanced 4.3 points and that for the industrials was 1.4 points. The utilities were up .5. Of 1,092 issues registering, 530 rose and 345 fell.

Vandenberg Formally Bows Out of '48 Race

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan tonight formally requested republicans in his state not to propose him for the republican presidential nomination in 1948.

The senator's announcement opened the way for men who want the nomination to campaign vigorously for the backing of Michigan's 41 delegates to the party's national convention.

RITES FOR EX-ITALIAN KING

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Guns in a land of exile boomed military farewell for former Italian King Vittorio Emanuele III at twilight today during funeral services for the little monarch who had reigned over Italy nearly 45 years.

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Thomas Mitchell - Janet Leigh
Extra - Color Cartoon, News

Strawberry Plant Standard Hearing Set

Adoption of state grades and standards for strawberry plants will be considered for the first time in Oregon next Tuesday when the state agricultural department will hold a hearing starting at 10 a. m.

This official grade hearing is in line with a move already under way to improve the quality of Oregon strawberry plants. Several weeks ago a group of certified strawberry plant growers met in Salem with state and county agricultural officials to discuss adoption of grades. At that time a grower committee was named to work further with representatives of the state agricultural department and extension service in drawing up proposed standards.

The proposed standards suggest two grades—Oregon No. 1, size A, and Oregon No. 1, size B. The essential difference between the two grades would be in the length and number of main roots and the diameter of the crown.

Agricultural department officials urge that all certified strawberry plant growers attend the meeting.

Car License Seekers Form Long Queues

A long line of applicants for 1948 automobile license plates was in front of the state motor vehicle department when it opened for business early Wednesday and the congestion continued until the closing hour. The deadline for renewing automobile licenses for 1948, to come within the law, expired at midnight.

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Greek Guerrillas Fail to Win 'Capital'

ATHENS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The violent attempt by Greek communists to seize Konitsa as a capital for their newly proclaimed "free state" has been beaten back by fiercely fighting Greek troops, the ministry of war announced today. Two columns of relief troops moved toward the embattled garrison before diminishing resistance.

State to Organize Farm Labor Office, Wilson Appointed

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The state unemployment service, which takes over the farm labor placement program from Oregon State colleges, set up on January 1, extension to set up a state-wide organization to provide farm hands.

T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the state unemployment compensation commission, said a state advisory committee would be named to work out a recruitment and placement program. The committee, representing all Oregon regions, will hold its first meeting in January.

J. D. Wilson, Salem, will become farm placement supervisor, taking over the work handled for the last five years by J. R. Beck, Corvallis, under the extension service.

RITA 'MISS CHEESECAKE'

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes today selected Rita Hayworth as its choice for "Miss Cheesecake of 1947."

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Pedestrian Hit At Woodlawn

Frank Toltyr, Woodburn, was in Salem Memorial hospital with serious injuries received about 7:40 New Year's eve when he was struck by a car while walking on highway 99E at Woodburn, state police reported.

Police said Toltyr was hit by a southbound car driven by Sgt. Charles Brownell, Ft. Lewis, Wash., and suffered a broken leg and serious chest and head injuries. Hospital attendants late Wednesday night said his condition was "fair."

HOUSE PRICE LID LIFTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Price ceilings on homes built under the veterans emergency housing program were lifted tonight. Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods, announcing this, said the statutory authority under which price regulations were issued expires at midnight tonight.

26 Federal Employees on Traders List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Twenty-six federal employees were listed by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today as having speculated in the commodity markets in the past two years.

No "big names" were involved. The 26 were described as officials and clerks holding relatively minor positions.

Three were from Anderson's own department. A few hours before he released the list, Anderson told reporters that because of the "heartaches" involved, he soon will recommend that the government quit making public the names of private citizens trading in grain and other commodities.

But the cabinet officer said he believes the names of all federal state and local officials who have speculated should continue to be published until all are disclosed.

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