

Doctor Dies As Operation Half Completed

YAKIMA, March 5 (AP)—While scrubbing up for an emergency appendectomy at Sunnyside's Valley Memorial hospital, Dr. Orville Rockwell of Sunnyside jokingly remarked to his assistant, Dr. R. P. Hall, "If I keel over during this operation, you finish it."

The emergency surgery on 12-year-old Anita Murphy was half completed when Dr. Rockwell slumped to the floor, dead from a heart attack.

Dr. Hall and Mrs. Howard Holt, nurse supervisor, completed the operation while Miss Judy Rawlings, a nurse, applied artificial respiration to Dr. Rockwell.

Speaking of the incident, Dr. Hall said, "I noticed suddenly that he was no longer moving his hands. He was breathing heavily and in a fraction of a second, he began to fall."

"I told Miss Rawlings to catch him. He gradually slumped to the floor. I changed to the other side of the operating table and continued the operation. It took 20 minutes longer."

Dr. W. W. Collins was summoned. He pronounced Dr. Rockwell dead.

Hospital attendants reported tonight that the operation was successful and that Miss Murphy is in satisfactory condition. She had suffered acute appendicitis.

Dr. Rockwell had been in ill health earlier this week from an attack of influenza.

AAF Academy Wins Support

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The national military establishment came out today for an air force academy, like the army's West Point and the navy's Annapolis.

Defense Secretary Forrester announced the MME has "decided to support legislation authorizing an air academy" because it is impossible for the two old line schools to supply officers for all three services.

German Farmer En Route to Dallas To Live with Son

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (AP)—Friedrich Richau, 76-year-old German farmer, who arrived today from Berlin said he had lived on half a pound of bread and a pound of potatoes a day and hoped "the food here is better."

Richau left on a 4:10 p.m. (EST) United Airlines plane for Denver, en route to Dallas, Ore., where he will be reunited with a son, Paul, a sawmill employee.

The father and son have not seen each other for 26 years. "I intend to remain here and start a new life," Richau said.

Oilers Favored

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 5 (AP)—Phillips 66 Oilers stood out as the team to beat as the 37-team roster of the National AAU basketball tournament was announced today.

Phillips is a sure bet to be seeded No. 1 after winning the past six tournaments. Bud Brown, tournament manager, said he expected several more entries to come in before pairings are made.

CATS CLINCH CROWN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 5 (AP)—Kentucky wrapped up its sixth successive Southeastern conference basketball championship here tonight with a 68-52 victory over Tulane before more than 8,000 fans in the Jefferson county armory.

Morse to Insist Northwest Have Voice in CVA Bill

EUGENE, March 5 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said in a telegram today that he will insist on "regional representation as fundamental" in any plan for a Columbia valley authority.

The senator told a Eugene newspaper (Register-Guard) that the "regional representatives must be more than purely advisory."

He said he would ask that committee hearings on the proposal be held in the Pacific northwest as well as in Washington, D. C. He also said he would urge the administration to introduce the measure at an early date so that the proposal can be studied thoroughly.

Ice-Clogged Streams Flood In West Iowa

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Mar. 5 (AP)—Caught in the flood waters of two ice-jammed streams, this western Iowa town of 4,000 persons tonight was without gas and on a strictly limited drinking water ration.

An estimated 250 families numbering about 1,000 persons have been evacuated from their homes since waters from the Boyer river to the east and south overflowed here yesterday and Willow creek on the west went out early today.

Evacuees wearing all they could save and with children hanging to their sleeves tonight told stories at Red Cross disaster center of narrow escapes.

"If no one had awakened us, said Mrs. Leo Torgerson, "we'd still be down there. We could hear the ice popping and cracking as the water pushed toward our house, snapping off fence posts."

Power Company Asks to String Wires Over River

Application by Mountain States Power company of Albany for a permit to construct an overhead electrical transmission line across the Willamette river near Buena Vista ferry has been made to the U. S. army engineers. It was announced last week.

Objections to the permit should be lodged with the army in Portland by March 11. The proposed line will consist of cables on wood poles located about 968 feet upstream (south) of the ferry crossing and about 10 miles upstream from Independence.

5 Men Injured as Car Hits Bridge

CANBY, March 5 (AP)—An automobile hit the Molalla bridge abutment south of here early today, injuring five men.

Critically hurt was Jimmy Aaron, about 28, Sheridan, who was hospitalized at Oregon City. Treated for lesser injuries were Odie Telky, Sheridan, the driver; Warren Britt, Sheridan; William Pearce and Kenneth Bertz of the navy.

Anita 'Cap Won By Miss Grillo

ARCADIA, Calif., March 5 (AP)—Miss Grillo captured the \$50,000 San Juan Capistrano handicap today before a peak season crowd of 65,000 at Santa Anita park. Dinner Gong was second and Rose Beam third in the mile and one-half closing day feature. The time was 2:29 over a track stamped good.

Vulcan's Forge, winner of the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap last week, finished fourth. The winner paid \$4.80, \$3.10 and \$2.60; Dinner Gong \$3.30 and \$2.70; Rose Beam \$3.60.

DA Queried on Pyramid Clubs

PORTLAND, March 5 (AP)—The Multnomah county district attorney's office is being swamped with questions about the legality of pyramid clubs, which promise a payoff to members who reach the apex.

Deputy District Attorney Arthur Higgs said calls have averaged at least 50 a day for the past two weeks. Friday, for example, the office received four calls in five minutes, he said.

Callers are being told the district attorney's office considers the clubs a lottery and so a violation of the law. But Higgs said no prosecutions are contemplated "at this time," because their operation has not been studied to a point of clarification.

Turkey Turns Cannibal to Survive Snow

RAPID CITY, S.D., March 5 (AP)—Cannibalism seems to have enabled a turkey to survive 62 days of entombment in a snow-drift piled up in a January blizzard.

Farmer Allan reports the pocket from which the turkey strutted, hale and hearty, contained bones of two other turkeys.

"They had been picked," he said, "as clean as a school teacher's vocabulary."

Stocks Jump Over \$1 Billion In Valuation

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—The stock market took the largest stride ahead this week since the first week of the year.

More than \$1,000,000,000 was added to the quoted value of all stocks listed on the stock exchange. But — the volume of trading added up to one of the smallest figures in months.

Not until today's short session did the market give an encouraging sign that a sustained forward move might be in the making. In two hours of trading the general price level managed one of the year's sharpest advances — it was sharp, however, only in contrast with recent timid movements.

Noteworthy, though, according to market strategists, was the fact that so-called pivotal stocks spearheaded the move.

Gains of fractions to more than a point were posted for such stalwarts as U. S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, American Telephone, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Standard Oil (N.J.), U. S. Rubber, American Can, General Electric and Eastman Kodak.

Canuck Star Cops Laurels

BIG MOUNTAIN, Mont., March 5 (AP)—Yves Latreille, 25-year-old Canadian, skiing for the Sun Valley, Idaho Ski club, sailed down Big mountain at more than 60 miles an hour to win the national downhill championship today.

Latreille's time for the rough two-mile-long course in northwestern Montana, near Whitefish, was one minute, 59 and two-fifths seconds.

Andeaf Mead, 16-year-old high school girl from Stowe, Vt., captured the national women's downhill ski title. Her time for a shorter run of one mile and a half was one minute, 30 and two-fifths seconds.

TO MODERNIZE HOSPITAL

CORVALLIS, March 5 (AP)—The Good Samaritan hospital here plans to raise \$200,000 to modernize the plant and possibly to construct an addition.

George Moorhead Wins Toastmaster Meet at Corvallis

George Moorhead, representing Salem Toastmasters, won the club's area speech contest held in Corvallis Saturday night and the right to represent the area in district competition at Bend April 9.

Moorhead's victory was the third consecutive for the Salem club. His topic was "A Tombstone for Butch." Tom Palmer, Albany entry, was second, Ralph Nohlgren, Salem, was toastmaster for the evening.

Recordings of the speeches were made by personnel of KWLL in Albany and rebroadcast as a public service. Over 120 persons attended the contest held in the Hotel Benton.

House Said Receptive to New Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The house will be in the mood to pass a labor law "as President Truman wants it," Rep. A. B. Kelley (D-Pa.) of the house labor committee predicted today.

At least, he added, after a pause, "as Speaker Rayburn wants it." He did not amplify this reference to show whether any division of opinion exists between the president and Rayburn over the labor issue. The president seeks to replace the Taft-Hartley act with a modified version of the old Wagner act.

There was no comment from Rayburn. Kelley's comments came as the emotional struggle over the Taft-Hartley law moved from the senate to the house.

The senate labor committee has approved President Truman's bill without changing a comma. It awaits action on the senate floor. Now hearings are to begin in the house.

MAN HELD IN JAIL

Henry Francis Henderson, 2385 N. 5th st., was held in the city jail early Sunday in lieu of \$250 bail after he had been arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. City police nabbed Henderson in the 200 block of Center street.

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