

Plan \$300,000 New Hospital For Fairview

State Medical and
Surgical Building to
Replace Burned One

By JAMES D. OLSON
A thirty-bed surgical and medical hospital will probably be constructed to replace the fire-damaged hospital at Fairview home.

Members of the board of control Monday authorized Dr. Irvin B. Hill, superintendent, and L. P. Bartholomew, architect, to draft plans for a fireproof hospital estimated to cost approximately \$300,000.

The state emergency board will be asked to furnish the funds for the hospital.

Fire Losses Scaled
Dr. Hill reported to the board that the fire losses on the old hospital were much smaller than first estimated. The major portion of the expensive hospital equipment was saved and the hospital building can be reconstructed at an estimated cost of \$82,000, according to Architect Bartholomew.

The board was told that the old hospital had not been fireproofed nor did Dr. Hill believe that it was originally constructed properly for hospital use. The building was constructed in 1913.

If a new hospital is authorized it is planned to convert the old hospital building into use as either a school building or possibly a one story hospital for tuberculosis patients.

Thanks Fire Department
The board authorized Roy Mills, secretary, to forward a letter of thanks to J. L. Franzen, Salem city manager, for the valuable aid given the state by the Salem fire department. Dr. Hill told the board that the city fire department did an outstanding job in handling the fire.

The city planning commission of Portland requested a hearing before the board on the site for the proposed new state building in Portland. The board set 10 a.m. on June 1 as the time to hear the city planners who favor a west side site for the new building.

Incidentally all was peaceful between members of the board Monday in contrast to the stormy meeting last week when Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Walter Pearson, ousted Tax Commissioner Earl L. Fisher and Wallace S. Wharton over the protest of Gov. McKay.

McKay said the matter was a closed incident so far as he was concerned.

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15 Percent Cut In ERA Funds

Washington, May 23 (AP)—The house appropriations committee today ordered a 15 percent cut in the Marshall plan spending for the year starting July 1.

Overriding a subcommittee recommendation, the full committee voted to cut \$629,730,000 from the \$1,198,200,000 President Truman had asked for the European recovery program's second year of operations.

The subcommittee had recommended a cut of only \$182,300,000, but republicans claimed this wasn't enough.

The full committee also voted to cut \$150,000,000 from the \$1,000,000,000 President Truman sought for government and relief in occupied areas. The subcommittee had chipped this item only \$50,400,000.

The full \$50,000,000 asked for aid to Greece and Turkey was approved by the committee, as was a fund of \$1,074,000,000 sought for Marshall plan operations for the April-June quarter of this year.

The overall amount recommended for all operations in the bill was \$5,542,470,000. The president had asked \$6,322,200,000.

The actual amount of money to be made available depends on what the full house and senate vote when the bill comes before them.

Last Melon Enjoyed By 3-Year-Old Boy

Richmond, Calif., May 23 (AP)—Ronnie Calvert has enjoyed his last watermelon.

The three-year-old leukemia victim, whose craving for the fruit got into the news a few weeks ago, died yesterday.

Ronnie came down with the disease last December.

His craving for watermelons, typical in that disease, brought gifts of melons from both Florida and Mexico. The largest shipment, more than a score, was flown from Florida by a B-29 crew on a routine training flight to the west coast.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday in Warren, Ark., where Ronnie's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Christine Calvert, lives.

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SP Streamliners Start July 10 On Shasta Route

Portland, Ore., May 23 (AP)—The Southern Pacific railroad's \$5,000,000 Shasta Daylight streamliners will be placed in daily operation July 10, the railroad's president announced today.

A. T. Mercier said the coach streamliners would make the 718-mile run between Portland and San Francisco in 15 1/2 hours—three hours faster than the best present schedule.

The trains—there are two of them—will leave Portland and San Francisco daily at 7:45 a.m., arriving at their final destinations at 11:15 p.m. Schedule details along the route have not yet been worked out.

Carry 15 Cars
The streamliners are diesel-powered, and carry 15 cars. Each train includes a 6,000-horsepower diesel locomotive, nine chair cars, a parlor observation car, a tavern car, baggage car, and a triple unit comprising the coffee shop, kitchen and dining cars. The exterior is red and orange—like the Southern Pacific's Daylights now operating south of San Francisco.

President Mercier made the announcement here, where he paused en route to San Francisco after an eastern trip. The new trains—intended for operation by 1947 but delayed by material shortages—will enable travelers "to see the most scenic portions of the whole Pacific coast by daylight," Mercier said.

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Twisters Kill 46, Injure 229 in 10 Eastern States

(By the Associated Press)
A rapid succession of tornadoes and other weather fury killed 46 persons and caused millions of dollars in property damage over the week-end in widely scattered areas.

The storms raked ten states, injured at least 229 persons and smashed 900 houses. In Washington, Basil O'Connor, president of the American Red Cross said the organization had set aside \$500,000 for the relief of the many hundreds left homeless.

Hardest hit were Missouri, Illinois and Indiana where a total of 44 persons were killed. Other deaths were reported in Kentucky and Pennsylvania while West Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, Iowa and Maryland reported heavy property damage.

Heavy Property Loss
Cape Girardeau, in southeastern Missouri with 21 dead and property damage estimated at between three and four million dollars suffered the most. A survey of that hard-hit city showed 202 houses totally destroyed, 231 damaged, 18 business buildings and a church destroyed, and 12 business buildings and another church damaged in the city of 20,000 population. More than 200 persons were injured and hundreds left homeless.

Three other Missouri towns, not directly in the path of the twister, each reported one dead. They are Clarksville, Bessville and Cabool.

Indiana's 11 dead and 47 injured are at Shelburn, Terre Haute and Clay City. Ralph C. Werner, a Red Cross spokesman, said the state's damage would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Miss Business Districts
Eight persons were killed at Shelburn, two near the outskirts of Terre Haute and one near Clay City. The twister missed the business districts of the two cities. In the west side of Shelburn, a town of 1000, the tornado demolished 65 houses, and damaged 95, 60 of them severely.

Illinois had a total of nine dead, five of Wood River and four at Palestine.

At Wood River, up the Mississippi from St. Louis, 325 homes in the city of 9000 were destroyed and 55 persons injured in a 25 square block area.

The four persons killed at Palestine were in a highway lunch stand which collapsed.

At Somerset, Ky., one woman was killed and 60 houses damaged by a strong wind. Damage was estimated at \$750,000. At Witt Springs, two persons were injured and heavy wind damage reported.



There was never a bronco that couldn't be rode, and never a scratcher that couldn't be thrown—that couplet from a western song is probably the consolation of Bud Spence, 2308 North Liberty, Salem, as he landed, face-down, in the rodeo arena at Turner Sunday. Or could he be praying that the heels of the horse don't land on his most exposed parts? The fourth annual Turner Trail Riders rodeo attracted riders and performers from all over western Oregon and was one of the best shows yet offered. (Rebpix photo, by Robert E. Brown)

Power Tower Menaces Mill City-Detroit Airport

Residents of the Mill City-Detroit are up in arms over the scheduled erection of a 90-foot tower and electric line that will in effect eliminate use of the private airport of Byron Davis between Mill City and Gates. Davis was in Salem Monday to confer with the Chamber of Commerce to learn what, if anything, could be done to prevent the loss of the airport upon which he has spent \$10,000.

Not only has the airport been used by private fliers, but is the base of an aerial taxi-service between Salem and the Detroit dam area with Henry J. Kaiser scheduled to base three private planes there during the construction of the Detroit dam for emergency use and for key personnel of Consolidated Builders, Inc., in charge of the dam construction.

Mayor H. D. Kliever, of Mill City, reports that a telegram is being circulated for signatures to be sent to U. S. Senator Wayne Morse in protest to the erection of the power line. Also active in the move is Ted Galbraith, of Gates, who will be manager of the airport for Davis.

A conference is scheduled Monday afternoon between W. E. Tronnersheunen, of Eugene manager of the southwest district of the Bonneville power administration, called to Mill City for a general discussion of the situation. He will meet with Mayor Kliever, members of the city council, Chamber of Commerce and others interested in the airport and the development of the upper canyon district. Wording of the telegram will be determined after the conference.

First intimation of the situation came last week when equipment was moved to the east end of the field. Already there is a knoll that is regarded as a minor hazard, but the erection of a 90-foot tower on a plateau near the base of the knoll and the stringing of a power line, designed to carry electricity to the dam site for construction purposes, would make the airport inoperable for any but the smallest planes and even prove dangerous for these to use the field.

Mayor Kliever is in hopes that some scheme may be devised whereby the proposed power line can be re-routed to avoid all proximity with the airport.

Surveyors are said to have run the line about two years ago and at that time their report failed to show that an airport was in proximity to the field.

Tomb Vandals Not Identified

The persons who stole the marker from the grave of Jason Lee, pioneer missionary, last Saturday, and placed it on the Willamette university campus near Waller hall have not been identified. The police have nothing new on the situation, nor have Willamette university authorities. The tombstone, which weighs in the neighborhood of 300 pounds, has been stored at the university until it can be returned to its proper place.

It is evident the culprits drove up the service road back of Waller hall and carried the marker to a nearby maple tree where it was upended. It had not been broken and apparently was lifted from a slot in the base.

Mrs. Thomas Holman, member of the board of trustees of the Jason Lee cemetery, said Monday that a meeting would be held to consider the matter in the near future.

Protest Ousting Of Tax Board

Eugene, May 23 (AP)—Dismissal of two state tax commissioners by two members of the state board of control has drawn a protest from the Oregon Young Republican federation.

A resolution on the subject was adopted here Saturday night after a four hour session following a federation picnic with University of Oregon party members.

Miss Vivian McMurtrey, Portland, federation president, said the resolution referred to the vote of Secretary of State Earl Newberry and State Treasurer Walter Pearson.

The resolution said the "young republicans believe a person holding public office occupies a position of trust and confidence, and that appointments based on political considerations alone are betrayals of such confidence."

Newberry, a republican, and Pearson, a democrat, had joined in ousting Earl Fisher and Wallace Wharton, two experienced members of the tax commission. The move was opposed by Governor McKay. Named by Newberry and Pearson to fill the vacancies were Ray E. Smith, Portland, and Robert MacLean of Waldport, a Lincoln county commissioner.

Rain Flops Bishop
Wisborough Green, Eng., May 23 (AP)—The Bishop of Chichester led the congregation of this village to the banks of the river Arun and offered prayers for rain to end the drought. Then he hustled the parishioners back inside the village church—just in time to beat the rain.

PGE Customers to Pay Higher Rates

Customers of the Portland General Electric Co. and the Pacific Power and Light Co. will begin paying higher rates beginning with their next meter readings.

Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg today gave the PGE company a \$1,470,000 annual rate increase, or about two-thirds of that the company asked. The P.P. & L. increase totals \$320,000.

Residential rates are boosted 6.8 percent, while increases in other schedules range up to 11 percent.

Lilienthal to Stand on Record

Washington, May 23 (AP)—David E. Lilienthal said today in reply to a senator's demand for his ouster that he is willing to stand on his record as chairman of the Atomic Energy commission.

He said the progress of the nation's atomic energy program over the last two and a half years is in itself an answer to Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper's "vague and ungenerous wholesale indictment."

The Iowa republican, a former chairman of the joint congressional atomic energy committee, blamed Lilienthal for "incredible mismanagement" and for "two highly-publicized fiascos." He identified the latter as the case of the missing uranium and the disclosure that alleged communists were sharing in the commission's fellowship program.

In his reply, Lilienthal said that this country's position in atomic weapons was "nothing less than tragic" when he assumed control of the program. Today, he said, the United States has a "substantial stockpile of atomic weapons, including those of new design."

Furthermore, he said, the nation has developed new sources of atomic materials, set up new safeguards for the atomic program and "restored" the morale of atomic scientists.

Snowfalls Added To Nation's Weather

Chicago, May 23 (AP)—Snowfalls were added today to the wild variety of the nation's weather, which included disastrous tornadoes over the week-end.

While ten states were adding up the millions of dollars damage from tornadoes, wind and hail storms which caused 46 deaths Saturday and Sunday, a chill blast brought snow today to Montana and Minnesota.

Snow was falling steadily at Great Falls, Havre and Livingston, Mont., and at International Falls, Minn., the weather bureau said. Temperatures were as low as 32 degrees at Great Falls and 35 at Minot, N. D.

Communists Fail to Break Defenses of Shanghai

Shanghai, May 23 (AP)—Communist troops tried all day to crack Shanghai's defenses. But at nightfall they had not achieved a breakthrough.

Some progress was made in spots. In others they failed.

The mid-day garrison communique described the Pootung battle as nearing a climax. From the Associated Press office just off the Shanghai Bund we had only to look out of the window to confirm the communique.

The center of the fighting was directly across the Whangpoo from the heart of Shanghai. Fighting raged less than two miles away. It started about 10 a.m. and was roaring on into the night.

Thousands watched the battle from high buildings and the streets. Shell bursts set no less than 40 fires during the day. Some burned for hours.

In the afternoon with the battle not more than 2,000 yards away, two ancient, rust covered riverboats were dragged upstream and jockeyed into the middle of the Whangpoo river. What they were there for nobody here knew. They could be evacuation ferries, midstream defenses against a crossing or

Naval Board to Probe Suicide Of Forrestal

Truman Says He's
War Casualty and
Died of Overwork

Washington, May 23 (AP)—James V. Forrestal, so wearied from nine years of government service that he took his own life, will have a final resting place with the nation's war dead in Arlington national cemetery.

The national military establishment announced today that burial will be with full military honors, and that the funeral tentatively has been set for 10 a.m. (EST) Wednesday.

The navy convened a board of inquiry to inquire into the death leap of the 57-year-old former cabinet officer from the 16th floor of the navy's towering hospital in nearby Bethesda, Md.

His friends already have written their own verdict: He died because he worked so hard for his country.

Tributes Pour In
That was the note, too, of an outpouring of tributes from the nation's great and from members of congress.

In house speeches, Rep. Case (R-S. Dak.) said "the nation has never had a man more sincere or more devoted to duty," and Rep. Lodge (R-Conn.) called Forrestal "a shining example of selflessness and high faith."

Rep. Boggs (D-La.) told a hushed chamber that Forrestal was the victim of Washington's "most devastating weapons"—the weapons of words.

"Mr. Forrestal was subjected to a campaign of abuse and vilification the like of which I have never heard," Boggs said.

"This should give pause—real pause—to the irresponsible elements of the press and radio."

Grave Near Knox's
The military establishment said Forrestal's grave will be "within the vicinity" of that of Frank Knox, wartime secretary of the navy whom Forrestal succeeded.

Mrs. Forrestal has requested that the funeral be kept simple, it was learned.

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Berlin Request For Seizure of Depots Rejected

3 Western Powers
Uphold Rights of
Russian Rail System

Berlin, May 23 (AP)—The three western military commanders rejected today a petition from the west Berlin city government to seize strike-bound elevated railway stations in the city.

The strike against the Soviet-appointed management of the railways, now in its third day, was marked by a week-end of bloody rioting in which Soviet-controlled police used guns against mobs of strikers and sympathizers.

The decision of the military commanders of the United States, Britain and France in effect reaffirmed the property rights of the Russian-controlled railway system. The rights were established in 1945 by four-power agreement.

Clamor for Intervention
The anti-communist city government had asked western authorities for the right to send their own police into railway installations and stations in western sectors, with the backing of the American, British and French authorities. The strikers—numbering about 12,000—had been clamoring for western intervention.

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley of the United States called the commandants into session to discuss the city government's plea and other aspects of what he called an "intolerable situation."

Most trouble spots were inactive, at least for the time being. At least three trains managed to reach Berlin from the west, although the rail yards were largely unmanned.

Business Near Normal
Even without the elevated railway service, which normally carries more than a half million persons daily, business activity in Berlin appeared near normal. Street cars are not affected by the strike. The cars and buses were jammed with passengers.

The strikers seek, principally, payment from the Soviet-controlled administration in west marks. Russian-sponsored east marks are worth only a quarter of the western currency and are illegal in western sectors.

The military commanders of the west said they would permit intervention in individual cases if rioting should get out of hand at any specific station.

A check with all official sources in west Berlin showed about 17 strike demonstrators and 15 Soviet sector police and strikebreakers had been hospitalized with serious wounds or injuries. All official sources said no deaths had been reported since the strike began Saturday.

Silverton Gives \$357 to Fund

Silverton residents contributed \$357.10 to the drive for cancer research funds in Marion county, bringing the total collected thus far to \$1807.57.

Robert M. Fischer, Jr., campaign chairman, announced today. Smallest donation was a cent and a half stamp.

Heading volunteer workers in soliciting money for the cancer drive in Silverton was Mrs. Frank M. Porter. Assisting her were: Mesdames Jerry Gateau, Lewis Hall, George Christensen, A. H. Smith, E. Owens, Hazel Brokke, Charles Frantz, Lloyd Greenfield, Clarence Reed, Norman Eastman, Arthur Anderson, Karl Haberly, A. C. Bollinger, Nels Langsev, Virginia Miehke, B. Gaffey, Clarence Higinbotham, Kenneth Henjum, Edwin Van Giesen and Miss Adeline Dick.

Approximately half of the coin collection boxes were picked up by Fischer during the week-end with contents netting \$300. Remaining boxes are to be collected from grocery stores, cafes, beer parlors within a couple of days.

Several persons requested their contributions be listed as a memorial to Mrs. Stearns Cushing, Jr., who died of cancer May 14.

Constitution Now in Effect

Bonn, Germany, May 23 (AP)—The west German constitution was proclaimed the basic law for 45,000,000 Germans today.

The formal signing by 11 states was completed just as the four-power council of foreign ministers was convening in Paris in an attempt to work out a German settlement. The constitution is expected to strengthen the hand of the west in the Paris talks.

The signing sets the stage for establishment of a west German government by mid-July.

The signing took place in Bonn Normal school, where the constitution was drafted.

First to sign the document was Dr. Konrad Adenauer, 70, president of the 65-man convention which drafted the constitution in eight months of negotiations with the western allies.

Some 500 people jammed into the main hall of the buildings for the signing ceremony. Hundreds of others stood outside. Flags of the 11 states of the U. S., British and French zones and the flag of Berlin flew outside.

Inside the hall a large black, red and gold flag was draped behind the platform. It was the banner of the old Weimar republic—Germany's first experiment with democratic government—and also the adopted flag of the new west German state.

THE WEATHER
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Fair tonight and becoming partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon. Slightly warmer Tuesday. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 50 degrees; highest Tuesday, 78. Conditions will be generally favorable for farm work Tuesday. Maximum yesterday 72. Minimum today 49. Mean temperature yesterday 62 which was 3 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 2.07 inches which is 47 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Monday morning, 3 feet.