



Dental Assistants Dine and Install—Members of the Capital City Dental Assistants association and guests met November 29 at the Golden Pheasant to install new officers. Guest speakers were Mildred McKinnon, state president, and Madge Kinley, ninth district trustee. Seated, left to right, Dorothy Baure, Joyce Schofield, secretary-treasurer; Edith Lundquist, Mable Schulz, Mildred McKinnon, state president; Marie Kelper, Madge Kinley, Fern Hobbensiefken, Capital City charter president. Standing, left to right: Vera Bassett, Macbelle Hammond, Peggy Walcott, Fern Nelson, Grace Coon, a guest from the veterans administration office in Portland; Essie White, Teresa Stroll, Gladys Bartholomew, Rhea Huffman.

ROCK FORMATION PUZZLE

Are the Continents of World Moving Masses, or Anchored?

By ROBERT GEIGER

Washington, Dec. 10 (AP)—Are the continents of the world moving masses, like great ships? Or were they once such moving masses, now firmly anchored in place?

Dr. Vannevar Bush, president of Carnegie Institution of Washington, raised these questions today because of rock formations his staff of scientists found in Maryland.

His annual report discloses that these rocks contain patterns of magnetization millions of years old. But these patterns are ones that apparently should be contained in rocks of South Africa, almost 8,000 miles away.

This is so because the pattern of magnetization, which is merely the compass direction implanted in the rocks at the time they were formed, indicate the magnetic poles were the reverse of what is where today.

North is where south should be in the rock pattern. This means that rock formation may have moved from one side of the world to the other at some prehistoric date.

Or the earth's magnetic field may have been reversed, or at least changed, in some prehistoric age. Once the north magnetic pole may have been where the south now is.

Another possibility is that some great electrical force within the earth may have changed the magnetic field pattern over a large area of the earth at some early date, but not throughout the whole earth.

Dr. Merle A. Tuve, internationally known director of the institution's department of terrestrial magnetism, says no bolt of lightning or similar event of comparatively weak force could have changed the natural pattern in the rocks of this particular area of Maryland.

The area is too large—at least 50 miles in length—to have been so affected, the report says. And similar patterns of magnetization have been found as far away as Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Tuve says the Maryland discovery has "opened surprising questions relating to the possibility of great movements of the earth's crust with respect to the core and geographic poles during ancient geological epochs."

And Dr. Bush, who headed the government's science research in the war, adds:

"For years discussion has been aroused by the theory that the continents of the earth as we know them may have drifted from some earlier configuration to their present pattern, and, indeed, that they may still be imperceptibly moving."

He says the Maryland rocks certainly contain evidence that bears on the question.

Normandy, where the Allies landed in France during World War II, was so named for the Normans who settled there in the 9th century.

Friday Mishaps Come in Series

A plague of accidents hit the fringe of Salem Friday with a minimum of injuries and extensive damage in only one instance.

Charles Leslie Jayne, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Jayne, 1920 Lancaster, was given first aid, hospitalized and released after treatment for a scalp wound. He was knocked from his bicycle on Lancaster drive near Market by the rear of a truck driven by Marion G. Howe, Canby.

Howe told state police that he failed to see the boy in the approaching darkness until he almost hit him and when he struck, the rear of the truck struck the youth. He was not damaged by police. The truck was dinged after it had turned around and went into a ditch.

Albert Jarjol, 16, received a three-inch gash in his head in a head-on automobile crash on the Silverton road about three miles east of Salem. He was a passenger in an auto driven by Fay Willis Myers, 719 East Oak, Silverton, which collided with one operated by Dr. Rupert Roy Quick, 1316 Plaza.

Jarjol was picked up by ambulance at the home of his mother, 1811 North 4th, hospitalized and later released. Dr. Quick received minor bruises.

Alex John Toman Jr. Portland, crashed into boxes which had fallen from an automobile trailer towed by John Alexander Agsizer, route 7, on the highway north of Salem. The accident occurred near Lytles corner. A second machine driven by Bethel Mary Friedrich, Mulino, also rammed into the Toman vehicle. State police cited Agsizer for having an improperly loaded trailer.

Neal Andrews, Jefferson, received a brain concussion and an injured ankle when his automobile crashed into the rear of a heavy truck on the highway four miles south of Salem Friday evening. Driver and owner of the truck was William V. Mayberry, Portland. Neither he nor Edward A. Lytle, Portland, were injured. The truck was being used to transport a race horse from Tanforan track in California to Portland Meadows.

The accident occurred near Boone road about 10 o'clock. The driver of Eddie's ambulance, which was called, left a first aid kit valued at \$50 at the scene of the accident and request is made that the person finding it return it.

Turbine in Operation Eugene, Dec. 10 (AP)—A new 8,000-kilowatt hydroelectric turbine at the entirely rebuilt Watterville power plant on the McKenzie river is now in operation. The project cost the Eugene water and electric board an estimated \$1,500,000.

29 Get Cards In First Aid

Twenty-nine additional members of the accident prevention division staff of the state industrial accident commission and four men from the state highway department were granted cards as qualified instructors in first aid in Salem Saturday.

A full week of instruction and demonstration was given by Carl Ross, area representative from the San Francisco office of the American Red Cross. Mr. Ross came to Oregon at the request of the state industrial accident commission to instruct its staff.

As a result of a former course given at Oregon City and the instruction at Salem this past week, every member of the field staff of the accident prevention division, 38 in number, is now qualified to instruct in first aid. In most instances instruction by Ross served as a refresher for the APD men.

Because of the state wide distribution of these men, most counties in Oregon will now have access to a first aid instructor, although first efforts of the APD field staff will be devoted to industry and its workmen. They will bring instruction to industrial plants so that key individuals can meet new requirements of the basic safety code for first aid training. Final goal of the program is to provide each plant in Oregon with adequate emergency knowledge among employees.

Salem Heights Troop Plans Camping Trip

Salem Heights — The Boy Scout Troop 19 met for a regular meeting at the Salem Heights hall.

Plans were made for an overnight camping trip for the week end of December 17. The troop plans to go to Camp Peters, near Scotts Mills. The new assistant scoutmaster, Ken Hill, was introduced into the troop. He is from the sponsoring institution, which is American Legion post 138.

The Explorer troop left Friday evening for an unknown destination. Mark DeCew, chief, was in charge of the excursion with an investiture ceremony in the woods upon their arrival. Boys investiture into the troop were Gail McLaughlin, Donald Blankenship, Marion Putnam and Louis Kurth. Scoutmaster Harvey Peterson, assistant scoutmaster, Ken Hill and junior assistant scoutmaster, Frank Vi-Taris, assisted with the ceremony. The boys will return Sunday morning.

Depoe Bay to Be Closed Newport, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Depoe bay will be closed to boat traffic next summer to permit a \$400,000 improvement of the harbor.

The army engineers expect to call bids for the work soon.

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Tallest Showgirl Says Height Rated an Asset to Romance

By JOHN ROSENBERG

New York, Dec. 10 (AP)—Lovely Mildred Hughes, the tallest showgirl on Broadway, said today that her added height was an asset to romance.

Miss Hughes, 6 feet 2 inches tall, and beamed to scale, said she never has suffered from a lack of boy friends although the head of the average man would barely reach her shapely shoulders.

"When a man is out with a beautiful girl," she said, "he likes everyone to see her. He's not particularly concerned about the remarks that are apt to be made about him. The idea is to make other men envious, when he escorts his beau in public."

Miss Hughes, now appearing in the musical hit "As The Girls Go," said a tall girl was "distinctive" and had "individuality."

"Those are very important characteristics," she said, "Every man demands them." Miss Hughes fills the demands she referred to remarkably well, her official measurements are: bust, 36; waist, 26 and hips, 37.

"Height," she continued, "enhances a girl's appearance. It gives her an opportunity to show off clothes to good effect and to make a nice presentation."

Miss Hughes admitted, however, that the upkeep on tall girls was somewhat higher.

She said she knew it took almost 28 additional skins (at \$90 each) to make a mink coat for a girl of her height.

"The stage-door Johnnies know it, too," she said, "But they don't ever seem to mind. After all, what's a few mink skins?"

600 Koreans Die In Storm at Sea

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 10 (AP)—A violent, sudden storm ripped through the Korean east coast cuttlefish fleet last Sunday, causing a heavy loss of lives and boats.

Estimates of fatalities ran as high as 600. The marine bureau of the Korean commerce department said, however, official reports were incomplete.

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Delta Chapter Dinner Tonight

Delta chapter, Alpha Rho State, Delta Kappa Gamma society, a national honorary society for women in education, will hold its annual formal dinner meeting and Christmas party in the Cave room of the Senator hotel in Salem, Saturday night.

Highlighting the evening's events will be the initiation of three honorary members to the society. These include Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, Independence, Mrs. Melford Nelson, Independence, and Mrs. Ethel S. Palmer of Newberg. Mrs. Carmalite Weddle of Salem will direct the initiation ceremony.

Miss Vivian Chandler, science instructor at Salem senior high school, is in charge of the evening's social affair, with Miss Edna Mings, formerly a member

of the staff of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, in charge of the program and carol singing.

Mrs. Sue Emmons of Willamina and president of Delta chapter will preside. Delta chapter includes membership in three counties, Marion, Polk and Yamhill.

Special guests for the evening will be the members of Nu chapter, a local group, and Eta and Theta chapters from Portland.

Canby Boy Wins Ontario, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Judging continued at the national state corn show today with eastern Oregonians still taking the top prizes.

August Moeller, Ontario, was the latest to win. His 10-year exhibit was judged the best in the show. Roy Driever, Canby, won the FFA championship for a 10-car display and Gary Welberg, Ontario, won the 4-H club title.

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