

USO Closing Up Shop; Lacks Money to Function

New York, Jan. 25 (AP)—The United Service Organizations is closing up shop. The agency, whose wartime from Burma to the beachheads it is unable to raise enough money



Civic Leader Dies—George W. Hubbs, Silverton civic leader and Salem and Silverton real estate broker for many years, who died Tuesday. Funeral services will be held in Silverton Friday at 2 o'clock.

entertainment circuit stretched of Europe, said yesterday that it expects to terminate operations of its 153 branches throughout the country by Tuesday.

During the war, the USO had some 3,000 service centers throughout the United States, and more than 200 entertainment units touring military posts here and abroad.

Its peak budget ran to \$56,000,000 a year. From its founding in 1941, the agency has provided entertainment or welfare service to more than a billion and a half men and women—service personnel and war workers.

Since the war, the agency has gradually curtailed its operations. At the end of 1947, it decided to shut down, but President Truman called it back into operation. The USO at present has 20 operations overseas, four of these being in Alaska.

A telegram to Robert R. Boardman, Oregon director for the USO and Karl K. Van Meter, executive secretary, USO, New York City, early Wednesday morning confirmed the Associated Press wire story that the USO would cease to function after Jan. 31.

Van Meter's telegram stated that the USO would undertake deactivation January 31 and place itself in a standby position to be available if called in an event of national emergency.

The communique, however, indicated that the organization would continue to raise funds to place it in a position to be ready to reactivate when and if it was needed. It also mentioned continued efforts to secure funds from the Community Chests.

Ice Floes Still Jam Columbia

Portland, Jan. 25 (AP)—A tug pushed through ice floes on the Columbia river yesterday to make the first journey between Portland and The Dalles in a week. The tug Winquatt moved two petroleum barges to The Dalles, after the coast guard cutter Balsam had cut a channel through ice above Bonneville.

Despite the cutter's work, the Columbia still had so much ice that most boats could not pass. Floes many feet thick have piled up between The Dalles and Cello canal.

Rescue work continued in the Northwest's snow-covered areas. A vessel went from Vancouver, Wash., to bring an 80-year-old woman out from Home Valley, east of Stevenson, to a train to return to her daughter's home.

The Floyd Hatfield family, snowbound in Elk Valley near Roseburg, Ore., was brought out safely after 20 volunteers cleared a trail. A crippled youth had struggled for two days through the snow to bring news that the family was in need of food.

Panama Canal Barely Paying

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Panama canal is earning a profit, but a slim one.

Net operating revenues of \$534,375 in the 12 months ended last June 30 represented a profit of one-tenth of one per cent, and brought total earnings since 1914 to 1.86 per cent, Brig. Gen. F. K. Newcomer, canal governor, said.

He added that the government has its sights on an annual return of three per cent. The canal charges for carrying ships across the Isthmus of Panama.

The general's report to a house appropriations subcommittee was made public today. The government—which takes any profit or loss—has a total investment of \$731,907,811 in the canal, Newcomer said.

The general asked the committee to authorize appropriations totaling \$22,721,500 for the canal and canal zone operations in the year starting next July 1, an increase of \$1,012,500 over this year. He also seeks \$4,000,000 additional for a housing program.

Social Hygiene Day Feb. 3 at Portland

Several persons from Salem and this part of the state will be among more than 200 in the state taking part in a two-day work conference February 3 and 4 in Portland in observance of Oregon's social hygiene day.

The sessions will be at the Portland hotel under the sponsorship of the division of social hygiene education of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association.

From Salem will be Howard Pyfer of the health education division of the Marion county department of health; and Miss Katherine Rahl, supervisor of health and physical education in the state department of education.

From Lebanon J. W. King, superintendent of schools, will attend.

Fraud Claims For Aid Probed

The Marion county district attorney and the administrator for the county welfare joined forces today to warn recipients of aid that a detailed check would be made of any complaint dealing with fraudulent claims for welfare assistance.

District Attorney E. O. Stadter pointed out that criminal prosecutions were possible under Oregon law. Statutes under which persons wrongfully receiving aid could be charged set prison terms at one year and fines at \$1,000.

Stadter and Miss Marion Bowen, administrator for the Welfare commission, both explained that no effort would be made to curtail legitimate claims. But increasing demands for welfare assistance have increased the load of the county office.

"In order to protect the rights of needy persons," Stadter continued, "a thorough investigation will be made in any case where it appears a person is not entitled to it.

"Those persons who misrepresent facts to the welfare office in an effort to secure aid can be charged with violations of the law," the district attorney said.

The warning by the two county officials was made as a result of anonymous complaints to the effect that undeserving or unqualified persons received welfare assistance.

Subzero Cold, Snow and Sleet

(By the Associated Press) Subzero cold—30 to 40 below—froze blizzard-swept northern plains Wednesday.

Rain, snow and sleet pelted central states, delaying traffic. New England was sheeted with ice after an overnight storm that killed at least two persons. But it was as warm as Florida in parts of the east and lower Midwest for a second straight day, and almost like summer in the south.

A stinging cold wave struck North Dakota in the wake of one of its worst blizzards in history. Only 149 miles of the state's 7,000 miles of roads were open early Wednesday.

A snowstorm whipped Nebraska. Drifting snow piled from three inches high in Omaha to seven in the western parts, but all roads were open.

Two to three inches of sleet iced southeastern Iowa roads. Western Iowa had four inches of snow.

Freezing rain or snow also fell in lower Michigan, Wisconsin, northern Illinois and eastern New York.

Warm, spring-like weather, which sprouted dandelions in some northern states, wasn't expected to last long.

3 Children Die in Fire

Petersburg, Alaska, Jan. 25 (AP)—Three children died in their flaming two-room house at Kake late Monday despite the valiant effort of villagers to quell the blaze with snow balls and a salt water bucket brigade. The town's water supply has been frozen for weeks. Victims were identified by U. S. Commissioner Dale Hirt as Ellen June, 5; Peter Jr., 4, and Raymond Ernest, 3. The mother, Mrs. Peter Quick and two other children were at a Salvation Army food sale when the fire broke out.

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Shoe Belonged To Queen Bess

One of the shoes that Queen Elizabeth may have worn while dancing with such gallant gentlemen as Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake is now at Leon's shoe store at 234 North Liberty.

At least the shoe belonged to Queen Elizabeth about 1560. It was brought into Leon's by Irene Stupfel of Route 7, Box 208, one of whose ancestors was a maid to the queen. The shoe was brought to this country about 150 years ago.

The shoe is undoubtedly one of the very first ever made with high heels. Queen Elizabeth, who was small in stature, invented the high heel herself as a medium of increasing her stateliness.

Even today, the 400-year-old shoe is remarkable in shape and quality. The leather soles still have much resiliency and the Irish lining looks and feels almost like new.

The shoe is very elaborate in structure. It contains a high grade of China silk and African red morocco, and the workman-

ship is of the finest. The shoe is of course hand made, since machines were still a thing of the future in 1560.

The shoe, a pointed-toe type, is size 2-B, as shoes are measured now.

Next Tuesday night the shoe will go on display in Leon's window alongside numerous other old shoes contributed by Willamette valley residents.

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Dr. Floyd D. Lewis, who for several years prior to World War I was a practicing physician at Silverton, died at his home in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, according to word received here by his brother, Clifford A. Lewis, chief deputy Marion county assessor.

Lewis, who was 64, graduated from the Willamette university school of medicine, and after taking graduate work at the Mayo clinic and Johns Hopkins hospital, returned to Oregon to open his office in Silverton.

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