



PALS PART—Kay Brandt, 3½, of Topeka, Kas., sobs goodbye to Chris, the shepherd dog she adopted after he became homeless during last July's Kansas flood. Her family is moving to Texas and can't take the dog with them.

Aroused Eugene Suburban Citizens Plan Protection

Eugene.—(U.P.)—Aroused citizens of the Willakenzie area Wednesday called for a meeting to discuss fire protection after a disabled war veteran's home burned down.

Citizens Warned
Fire chiefs in both Eugene and Springfield said they were not allowed to fight the blaze even though a fire hydrant is located nearby. They said the district has been repeatedly warned that Eugene and Springfield fire departments could not handle fires outside their districts.

Destroyed by fire Monday was the home of R. C. Millican, who is married and has three young children. Millican was looking for work when the fire started. His wife had to flee the house without enough clothing for their 18-month-old baby. The Eugene Red Cross sup-

plied the family with new clothing and reported public response to the Millican's plight was "tremendous."

Citizens called a meeting for next Tuesday to study ways of getting fire protection. About 3800 people live in the Willakenzie area.

Missing Baby Found Rolled Up in Mattress

Fulton, Ky.—(U.P.)—A volunteer fireman, Glenn Roach, carried a mattress that he had doubled up out of a burning house.

Roach heard the screams of an excited mother whose baby could not be found and was believed to be still in the house.

He laid the mattress down and found the missing baby unharmed.

Canada Eyes New Highway To Build Up Wild Country

Edmonton, Alta.—(U.P.)—Federal and Alberta government officials look to a new highway to help build up Canada's vastly rich but comparatively unscratched northland.

The all-weather Mackenzie highway also is being heralded as an important road link in the event of an enemy attack over the polar region.

The highway crosses 384 miles of muskeg, forest and farmland on a course due north from the northern Alberta center of Grimshaw to Hay river, on Great Slave lake, northwest territory.

A gravel road built three years ago at a cost of \$4,300,000 to both governments, the Mackenzie highway is making its importance felt in the northland.

Trade Grows

The highway is connected with the main road system in northern Alberta which, traveling south, ties in with Edmonton, and, northwest, reaches Dawson Creek, B.C., the southern terminus of the Alaska highway.

Alberta officials surveyed the results of the Mackenzie highway and got these results:

Traders who once had to wait weeks for a shipment of supplies freighted along the Peace river, or by winter tractor-train, now have goods delivered to their doorstep within hours after large trucks have left Grimshaw.

Miners no longer have to fly or freight their heavy machinery into the north at exorbitant costs. Heavy trucks carry supplies to Hay River, where boats regularly serve Yellowknife and points along the Mackenzie river system, which reaches north to the Arctic coast.

North of Grimshaw, homesteaders use the highway to carry rich harvests to elevators on the railway. Last year more than 600,000 bushels of wheat and 200,000 bushels of coarse grain were taken to market over the road.

Plenty of Fish

Great Slave lake provides Canada with the greatest source of fresh water fish of any lake in the country. Last year, about 8,000,000 pounds of whitefish and trout, valued at \$612,000, were hauled from Hay River south along the highway to market outlets.

Formerly, limited supplies of fish were taken only in the sum-

mer from the northern lake and transported by water down the Slave and Athabasca rivers. Winter fishing now accounts for almost half the total annual catch.

Fur traders now market their pelts over the highway, whereas they formerly used the waterways or airplanes by necessity. Trappers and traders are within easy reach of hospital and medical services.

Tourists are able to get their first look at the 46-foot Louise Falls and the 106-foot Alexandra falls along the Hay river paralleling the highway at various points.

Also moving out over the highway are gold from Yellowknife, uranium from Port Radium and other metals urgently needed in Canada's defense build-up. Moving into the northland over the highway are defense construction materials for the air force and army establishments in the north.



SAVED BY THE BELT—Homer L. Cook, 49, window washer for more than 20 years, kisses the safety hook after it saved him from a nine-story fall at Chicago when his other hook broke. In 1949 he fell five floors into a truck filled with mattresses and spent four months in the hospital with cracked ribs. This time he was uninjured.



V. AUBREY NORRIS To Be Seated As Elks Ruler

Installation Set For New Officers Of Elks Tomorrow

Secretary of State Earl Newberry, who is a past district deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon south of the Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, will be installing officer tomorrow evening when the new officers of the Medford lodge are seated at ceremonies at the Elks temple here.

V. Aubrey Norris will be the new exalted ruler. Other new officers will be Herbert W. Crain, esteemed leading knight; C. Aubrey Sander, esteemed loyal knight; W. D. Woodcock, esteemed lecturing knight; Ernest L. Scott, secretary; Allan F. Perry, treasurer; Galen R. Knox, esquire; Donald D. Davis, assistant esquire; George W. Howard, tiler; The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, chaplain; Joe W. Duffie Jr., inner guard; Carl W. Norris, alternate delegate, and E. C. Niles, trustee for a three year term.

Will Fill Chairs

A number of men will fill the chairs for grand lodge officers. They are all past exalted rulers, and include Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Harvey W. Robertson; Grand Loyal Knight Vic Kengla; Grand Lecturing Knight Arthur Hess; Grand Secretary Frank DeSouza; Grand

Crippled Children Agency Seeks News Of Those In Need

Do you know a child who is crippled and who needs help? If you do, the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults wants to know who that child is. Mrs. C. B. Partch, Jackson county chairman for the society, said today.

"By crippled, we mean not only those who are unable to walk, but those with many other kinds of handicapping conditions," Mrs. Partch said.

"This month, when Easter seals are carrying our message to so many homes, we find it appropriate to reaffirm our purpose of offering assistance to every crippled child we can reach, and to continue helping those we have already reached.

Services Offered

"The Oregon society offers such services as the children's school in Eugene, the craft shop in Portland and emergency assistance all made possible by Easter Seal funds. Of all contributions received in the community during the current campaign, 95 per cent will be utilized in this area. The remaining five per cent will be sent to the national office in Chicago to support its parent program of education, research and direct services on a nationwide scale.

"Remember," Mrs. Partch added, "there are four ways to help the Easter Seal drive—by buying Easter seals, buying lilies at the Lily Day sale, contributing to the coin containers and attending the Easter seal benefit dance."

The dance will be held Monday, April 7 between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. at Rogue Valley Country club. A buffet supper will be served from 11 p.m. to 12 midnight, and the public is invited to attend.

Treasurer J. F. Fliegel; Grand Chaplain C. C. Leonard; Grand Esquire Carl Norris; Grand Assistant Esquire Morris B. Leonard; Grand Inner Guard Jerry Jerome, and Grand Tiler Carl Y. Tengwald. J. R. Bierma will serve as grand organist.

Hospital District To Go on Ballot

Ashland.—More than the necessary number of signatures to put the question of the formation of a Valley View Hospital district on the May election ballot were counted at a meeting here Monday evening.

The petitions are being submitted to the county clerk and the county court today, and if everything is in proper order, the question of the formation of the district, which will run from north of Ashland to the California border, will be put in a special election held at the same time as the primary election May 16.

The committee also nominated six men for election to the five positions as directors of the proposed district. They are Ralph Mickel, Bellview; Ralph McCullough, Valley View; Harold Straus, Talent, and Don Lewis, Harry Morris and Abe Nestlin, all Ashland.

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