



New Hospital Plan Discussed; Report Shows Local Need

Consideration of plans for a new hospital to serve southern Oregon, long under discussion among interested groups and individuals, became public today with the release of a comprehensive report on the proposal.

The 83-page report was prepared by the Stanford Research Institute, a nationally-known industrial research organization, at the request of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and was financed by the chamber.

Need Indicated

It indicated an immediate need for hospital facilities in excess of what are now available in Jackson county, and indicated that the growing importance of Medford as a population and medical center will make expanded hospital facilities a "must" in the near future.

The need for new hospital facilities was first expressed in Medford by the Medford Hospital association, which operates Community Hospital for the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, which owns the institution. Members of the association held exploratory discussions with many interested persons throughout the area, and a few months ago the chamber became interested.

Chamber Seeks Report

The chamber's board of directors, recognizing that a project of this magnitude would have an impact far beyond Medford, voted to seek the assistance of the Stanford organization, which starting in early October, made a detailed survey of the situation, including Jackson county's role as a medical center for southern Oregon and northern California, the county's need for expanded hospital facilities, and finally, suggesting a proposal on which plans for a new hospital could be based.

Paint Manufacture Planned by Firm; Incorporation Filed

Articles of incorporation for a paint manufacturing company in Medford have been filed with the state corporation commissioner, according to United Press.

The firm is the Taylor-Olson Paint corporation. The incorporators are Robert L. Taylor, Ludwig Olson and Frances V. Olson.

Taylor said today the firm will be the only paint-manufacturing concern in this area. The plant is located at 906 North Riverside ave., and until recently was known as the Taylor Paint and Wallpaper company.

Equipment Planned

Taylor reported that one mill and one paint mixer are planned at present, with two more to be added later. The company will manufacture interior and exterior paints, and enamel and other specialty paints will be added later. Customers in this area will benefit from factory prices, Taylor pointed out.

He came here several years ago from Corning, N. Y., where he was in the paint business, and later was in construction. About 1½ years ago he sold the Taylor Lumber company in Jacksonville.

Dulles in Paris For Conferences

Paris—(U.P.)—U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived in Paris today for a series of crucial Big Three and North Atlantic Treaty Organization meetings.

The meetings will:

1. Determine whether military or political leaders will be empowered to press the trigger of atomic retaliation if the Communists attack.
2. Shape future western policy toward Russia and Red China.

A compromise was reported shaping up on the heated question of when and how the West should bring its atomic arms into action in the event of Red aggression.

The dispute, in which Britain and the United States found themselves on opposite sides of the fence, revolves around the generals who want instantaneous atomic reprisal, and the European governments who want to be consulted before American atomic weapons are used.

Mendes Puts Future On Confidence Vote

Paris—(U.P.)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France announced today that he will stake the future of his government on a confidence vote in the French National Assembly on the controversial German rearmament plan and accompanying treaties.

The French premier said he will call for approval of the "package deal" on German rearmament worked out in conferences at London and Paris.

This includes, in addition to the arming of 500,000 West Germans, the restoration of German sovereignty, admission of Germany into a new Western European union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and a settlement of the future of the coal and iron-rich Saarland that lies between Germany and France.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones stock averages: 30 industrials 137.16 up 0.58; 15 utilities 61.26 off 0.11, and 65 stocks 144.00 up 0.51. Sales today were about 2,740,000 shares compared with 2,650,000 shares traded yesterday.

X-RAY PROGRAM TODAY

The chest x-ray program, conducted each Wednesday afternoon at Community Hospital by the Jackson County Public Health association, will be under way from 3 to 6 p.m. today.

President Expects Full Cooperation In Next Congress

To Ask No Change In Corporation Taxes

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower said today he expects to get maximum cooperation from Republicans in Congress and real cooperation from Democrats on national security and foreign policy matters.

He confirmed that he will ask Congress to keep corporation and excise taxes at their present levels, instead of letting them drop by more than \$2,000,000,000 next year.

Mr. Eisenhower, dressed nattily in a brown suit, was alternately jocular and serious as he ranged over a wide field of subjects, from flying saucers to the state of Iran's economy.

The President breezed into his weekly meeting five minutes late. In good spirits, he first reminded reporters that today is safe driving day.

For Strong Reserve

Among the subjects discussed: Defense: He feels the United States should be prepared for 50 years if necessary, to fight a big war. He said the nation must hold itself ready to blunt any attack and strike back as swiftly as possible by use of a strong reserve system.

Scandals: Every person holding a responsible job in this administration is under orders, he said, to report immediately to proper authorities any sign of anything that what he called looks off-color. He said there are absolutely no exceptions.

Plans for 1956: He said that his press secretary, James C. Hagerty, who said this week it would be "foolhardy" for the Republicans to think of running anyone else for President in 1956, is entitled to his own opinion so long as there is no set policy on the matter.

Undecided on Wage Issue

Flying saucers: An Air Force official in whom he has complete confidence has told him there is no reason to believe these reported phenomena come from some other planet.

Labor: Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has a right to advocate a raise in the minimum wage law and abolition of state "right to work" laws. He said this is so even though the President has not decided when minimum wages should be boosted or what stand he will eventually take on the state statutes.

Iran: The visit here of the Shah of Iran points up Iran's tremendous improvement over a year ago, when it appeared that country might be headed toward Communism.

A-Bomb: The United States reserves to itself the decision on the use of the atom bomb in some instances but recognizes the need to consult with allies in other areas.

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Next 48 Hours Said Crucial for Pope

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Vatican sources said today the next 48 hours will be crucial for Pope Pius XII and may show whether the sudden halt in his recovery is only temporary.

Those hours also may give the team of physicians attending the 75-year-old Pope an opportunity to determine the nature of the illness that brought him near death 13 days ago.

Slight but steady improvement in the Pope's condition over a 10-day period stopped Monday. Since then the condition has been described as "stationary."

The next two days were expected to show whether the halt was temporary and caused by overwork during the week end, as believed by Vatican quarters.



Burning Matches Blamed in Death; Found by Husband

Pet Dog Discovered Dead at Woman's Feet

Mrs. Florence Cecilia Spackman, 64, of 418 Haven st., a semi-invalid for about 10 years, died of burns yesterday.

Firemen said she was injured apparently after a box of matches ignited and fell in her lap as she was sitting in the kitchen. Coroner Merle Foland said she died of third degree burns.

She was found dead in a chair with her dog lying dead at her feet, firemen said. The dog apparently suffocated. The death and fire were discovered by her husband, John C. Spackman, on his return home from work at about 4:30 p.m.

Matchbox Ignites

Firemen, in reconstructing the event, said it appeared that Mrs. Spackman was seated in a kitchen chair by a table, and struck a match, accidentally igniting the matches left in the box. The burning box fell in her lap, they indicated, catching her clothing on fire and spreading to the table cloth and window curtain.

It appeared that she then went to a davenport, igniting the upholstery, then collapsed into a chair nearby, firemen said. She was dead when they arrived, and they found her husband trying to remove her from the house.

A neighbor, Mrs. George Sherman, 419 Haven st., saw a cloud of smoke billow out of the house when Spackman entered. She turned in the alarm, and trucks from the main and west side fire stations were dispatched.

Fire damage was confined to the kitchen table, the kitchen window curtain, the davenport and the chair, firemen said. Flames in the kitchen had burned themselves out, but the other furniture was still smoldering when they arrived, firemen reported. There was also some smoke damage.

Funeral services for Mrs. Spackman are pending with Perl Funeral home in charge. She had lived here since 1926, and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic church. She was born June 12, 1890, in Iowa. Survivors in addition to her husband are a sister, Mrs. Nellie Moran, Oakland, Calif., and a brother, Edward Aherin, whose address is not known.

Portland Apartment House Plans Dropped

Portland—(U.P.)—Plans to construct a 14-story apartment building on Portland's east side were abandoned today because of opposition of property owners in the area.

Harry Mittleman, who had requested a zone change from the Portland city council in order to construct the \$5,000,000 project, said he was withdrawing his application because of what he called the opposition of a small minority of "misguided people."

The city council promptly accepted the withdrawal and planned no further consideration of the controversial proposal.

Jackson Students Plan Yule Projects Instead of Gifts

Students at Jackson school, who usually have an exchange of 25-cent gifts within their rooms, decided this year to undertake various Christmas projects instead.

Teachers at the school report that it was the youngsters' own idea—not a suggestion from the teaching staff. They got the idea by reading in The Mail Tribune about plans of other children to give their gifts to youngsters in the state's Fairview home.

CARE Package

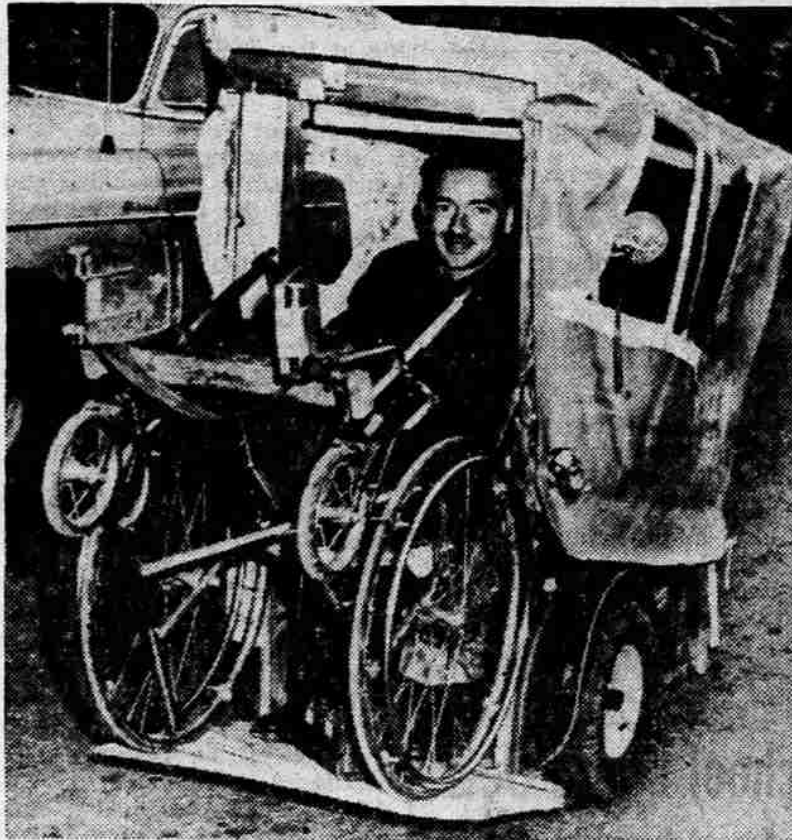
One of the projects is the purchase of a CARE package for Europe. Another is to send the toys they would otherwise have exchanged to the Sacred Heart

hospital in Eugene for children in the children's polio rehabilitation ward.

Members of one room collected \$14, and will purchase toys, flannel pajamas and other items for 4-year-old Michael Bergquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bergquist, Table Rock rd., who was critically burned in a fire Dec. 8. The youngster is now at a Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

All Participating

All the students in the school are participating in the idea, but some of the projects of the various home rooms in grades 1 through 6 have not yet been announced.



HE GETS AROUND—Carl Taylor, 21, paralyzed from waist down by hunting accident six years ago, travels the streets of Kansas City, Kas., in this electrically powered wheelchair. He "winterized" the vehicle himself by adding canvas top. On platform in front of him is a regular wheelchair which he uses on his job as an elevator operator at a local hospital.

Nehru Asks Red China To Accept UN Request For Peiping Meeting

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—India disclosed today that Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has asked Red China to accept the United Nations request for a meeting in Peiping on the fate of 11 U.S. airmen jailed by the Communists as spies.

Advices from the Indian capital of New Delhi said Nehru sent a message to Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai urging him to discuss the case personally with UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

No Intervention Meant

Officials in New Delhi emphasized that Nehru's message in no way means that India is intervening in the American case. They said Nehru only was passing along Hammarskjöld's request for a face-to-face meeting with Chou.

A spokesman for Hammarskjöld said he did not reply from Peiping, "provisional or otherwise," to his message sent last Friday had been received.

Under Consideration

Nevertheless, UN delegates generally believed the Hammarskjöld request was under consideration in Peiping.

American officials in Washington also expressed new hope that the Mao Tse-Tung regime is planning to release the fliers but they cautioned it may be

The bloodmobile will be open at the Elks temple in Medford until 6 p.m. today.

It is hoped that at least 300 donors will show up during the afternoon to fill the quota of blood needed for Jackson county hospitals, and for the regional blood bank.

About 250 persons had made appointments up to late morning.

The bloodmobile was in Rogue River at the Grange hall yesterday, and blood program workers reported that 143 donors appeared to give blood. Forty of them were rejected for one reason or another, and 103 pints of blood were collected. The amount of the quota set there was 100 pints.

Lookout Power To Enter Grid Tonight

Portland—(U.P.)—Power from the first 40,000-kilowatt generator at Lookout Point dam in Lane county is scheduled to flow into the Bonneville Power Administration's southwest Oregon transmission grid and the Northwest power pool at 11 p.m. today, Administrator William A. Pearl announced.

Installation of two additional 40,000 kilowatt generators at Lookout Point and a 15,000 kilowatt generator at Dexter dam in 1955 will add a total of 135,000 kilowatts of installed capacity to the region's power resources, Pearl said.

Weather

FORECAST: Decreasing cloudiness, colder tonight, low near 28. Foggy tonight and Thursday morning. High near 46, low 37.

Highest Yesterday: 46
Lowest this Morning: 37
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today: Trace

INVALID WOMAN KILLED BY FLAMES

Benson Stresses Need for Freedom In Agriculture

Minimum of Control Needed for Progress

New York—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today maximum agricultural progress can come only with a minimum of government regulation and control.

He stressed repeatedly the necessity for as much freedom as possible for agriculture and said the new flexible price support program was a step in the right direction.

Benson spoke at the 36th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation being held in Manhattan Center here.

Sees Rosy Future

He was optimistic about prospects for the farmer, both on a long and short range basis, and indicated price problems would be reduced as surpluses are gradually reduced.

"Government can and will play a part in helping agriculture adapt to new circumstances and conditions," he said. "By far the greater part of the job will be done by the farmers themselves."

"Maximum progress will come only if agriculture is free and farmers can make their own management decisions on their own farms with a very minimum of government regulation and control."

Normal Risks of Job

"Our constant objective is to do what is best for farmers and what is fair to all of our people. In the long run, what is good for agriculture is also good for America."

He said he believed farmers must be prepared to accept the normal risks which go with farming, "just as the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker must reconcile themselves to the uncertainties which go with their chosen occupations."

Increase Significant

Benson said it appeared significant that the American Farm Bureau federation had increased its membership by 18,000 during the last year after it took a stand in favor of flexible price supports in preference to rigid high price supports.

Earlier Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.) praised the Republican administration's farm policies as "fundamentally in the right direction."

Roseburg Television Application on File

Roseburg—A second application for television Channel 4 to serve Roseburg will soon be filed with the Federal Communications commission, it was reported today.

The application is by the Southwest Oregon Television, a new firm headed by Noble Goette. He said the proposed station would be a "satellite" of station KVAL-TV in Eugene, showing mostly the same programs, but would also have provision for local programming.

Last Nov. 18 an application for the same channel was filed by the Southern Oregon Broadcasting company, which operates KBES-TV in Medford.

With two applications on file for the channel, the only one assigned Roseburg, the FCC presumably would have to conduct a hearing before approving one or the other of the applications.

Tournament of Roses Names Warren Marshal

Pasadena—(U.P.)—Officials of the Tournament of Roses today announced Chief Justice Earl Warren will serve as grand marshal of the 1955 classic.

Elmer Wilson, tournament president, said the former California governor and Mrs. Warren will ride at the head of the annual New Year's Day parade in a car decorated by hundreds of roses.

The Warrens will occupy a box at the Rose Bowl with their daughters.

Safety Officials Praise Motorists; 11 Persons Killed

Early Reports Said Definitely Encouraging

By UNITED PRESS

The nation failed on this "S-D Day" in its attempt to go 24 hours without a single traffic death. But the number of deaths was so low that safety officials praised American motorists.

Eleven persons were killed and 194 injured in traffic smash-ups up to 11 a.m. (PST) on this day which President Eisenhower and safety experts had hoped

As of noon today, only one accident had been reported in Jackson county to mar the "Safe Driving day" record, according to local police officials.

It occurred in Medford at 10:30 a.m. and was minor in nature, with no injuries resulting. One driver, Arden Mortimer Tyrrell, Box 144, Rogue River, was cited for failure to yield the right of way to a sedan operated by Paul Edward Smith, 27, Crater Lake ave., at the intersection of Third and Bartlett sts. police said.

Officials called on all drivers to be extra careful today in an effort for a lower accident rate than the six in the county last Dec. 15.

ed would pass without a single accident, death or injury.

60 Killed Last Year

On a comparable day last year Wednesday, Dec. 16, highway mishaps killed 60 persons and injured 1807.

A United Press "test" tabulation last Wednesday recorded 67 deaths in traffic and an estimated 2144 injured.

Reports of deaths were coming in so slowly that Rear Adm. H. B. Miller, director of the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, said:

Half Last Year Rate

"The reports on S-D day up to noon are definitely encouraging."

"If this rate can be maintained for the balance of the day, the traffic death toll throughout the nation would be approximately half the toll for the comparable Wednesday last year."

"We feel this is a tribute to the American people."

The recorded fatalities included two each in Mississippi and Ohio, and one each in Illinois, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

President Eisenhower issued a new appeal for safe driving today in a reminder to reporters at his news conference that this was S-D day.

First in Wisconsin

The first official report of an S-D day accident came from Wisconsin, where the Milwaukee county sheriff's office said it received a report at 12:23 a.m. (CST) of an accident in which Adelbert Jacobs Jr., 37, of Watertown, was killed when his car missed a curve on a highway near Milwaukee. The sheriff's office said they considered it an S-D day death.

By UNITED PRESS

Oregonians apparently were off to a safe start on national safe driving day, with only one minor injury reported by late morning.

John E. Sheridan, 46, Portland pedestrian, was taken to a hospital after being struck by a car but suffered no fractures.

A car owned and driven by George W. Smalley, Salem, stalled on Southern Pacific tracks in Salem today and was hit by a freight train, dragged 100 feet and badly damaged.

But it wasn't recorded in the total of those injured or killed in accidents, as Smalley escaped without injury.

Four other minor accidents one in Eugene and the other three near Portland, were reported by 11 a.m., but there were no injuries.

Olympia—(U.P.)—At least two persons had been killed and seven others injured in traffic accidents in safety-conscious Washington state midway through S-D day today.

Medford Stores Will Be Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight