

New Chest X-Ray Unit Installed At Sacred Heart; Out-Patient Clinic Operation Will Begin

Installation of new chest x-ray machinery was completed at Sacred Heart hospital this week by General Electric technicians. All patients entering the hospital, and the public, may now get chest x-rays there, it was announced today by hospital officials and the Jackson County Public Health association.

Routine chest x-rays for all patients was begun at the hospital this week, and the "out-patient" clinic, for doctors' referrals, special groups and the public, will be opened Thursday, March 24. Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Thursday.

Christmas Seal Money
Purchase of the equipment was made possible through the use of Christmas seal funds by the Public Health association. It is part of a survey program to locate previously unknown cases of tuberculosis, lung cancer, heart conditions and other chest ailments while they are still in the early stages and more easily cured.

"I am most happy to have this service available at our hospital," Sister Reine, supervisor of Sacred Heart hospital stated today. "It is an added protection our hospital can offer this community, our patients and employees."

In Special Rooms
The new equipment, which is a complete x-ray unit, is located in a room built especially for it by the hospital across from the admission desk on the first floor. Considerable remodeling was necessary by the hospital in order to provide a convenient place for the unit. Those going to the "out-patient" clinic on Thursday may go in the hospital's new main entrance on the south side of the building. Parking is also available there.

Providence Guild of the Hospital auxiliary is making plans for staffing the "out-patient" clinic as a volunteer public service. Mrs. J. W. McDuffie, president of the guild, will be in charge and states there will be four volunteers on duty each

Thursday afternoon to keep charts and assist with x-ray operations. G. Meyer is to be the technician in charge.

Culmination of Goal
Installation of this machine, and the one at the Community hospital which opened in December, is the culmination of a goal toward which the Public Health association has been working for the past two years, according to Mrs. Chester Guches, association president, and Mrs. Jack Walker, case finding chairman.

"We are deeply grateful for the fine cooperation we have received from the medical profession and the hospitals in mak-



GROWING UP—Actress Margaret O'Brien, now 18, appears in Santa Monica court for approval on four contracts that will keep her busy in movies and TV. Under California she may not negotiate her own contract until she is 21. She expects to graduate from high school this June.

ing this program possible," Mrs. Guches stated, "for I know it is going to prevent tragedy in the lives of many Jackson county residents. In addition it will save many thousands of dollars for the taxpayers."

Plan Campaign
The association now plans an extensive campaign to urge all food-handlers in the county to have x-rays, according to Mrs. Walker. Letters will shortly be sent to all employers, urging that they make arrangements for their employees to come to the out-patient clinics.

A chest x-ray is the best way of detecting tuberculosis in the early and middle stages. When the patient begins to cough and show outward symptoms, tuberculosis is in the advanced stage and much more difficult to cure. By this time, he has very likely spread his disease to others.

Find Other Ailments
But tuberculosis isn't the only ailment which the chest x-ray detect. The x-rays show up heart enlargement. Any growth in the chest is disclosed, and in many cases it detects cancer of the lung. Many persons are alive today because the cancer was thus disclosed and an operation undertaken in time.

The Heart association and the Cancer society both hold that chest x-rays are "worth their weight in gold."

SOC Named Test Center For Stenographers

Ashland — Southern Oregon college has been designated as one of the test centers in the United States for the 1955 certified public stenographers tests, according to Alwin Miller, SOC chairman of the business education department.

Secretaries in southern Oregon interested in qualifying for these tests were urged to contact Miller at the college.

Electronic developments have cut the costs of dictation equipment per individual by two-thirds in the past three years.

Parched Colorado Welcomes Snow; Fires Still Rage

By UNITED PRESS

A March cold wave brought wet, life-giving snow to dry Colorado wheat fields today, but only drizzles spattered three Southern states, where forest fires raged.

The big cold front left Sheridan, Wyo., under nine inches of snow and moved into Northern Colorado with nearly four inches—the equivalent of an inch of moisture.

The snows were a major boon to the wheat and sugar beet crops in the state, where lashing forest winds have stirred up dust clouds reminiscent of the 1930 "dust bowl" days.

But in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama the weather failed to deliver enough rain to douse forest fires which have burned over about 185,000 acres of swamp and timber land.

All fires in Georgia and Florida were contained within fire breaks early today and only one of them—in Georgia on the west side of the Okefenokee National Forest—was termed "out of control."

The cold weather also brought shifting winds which threatened to end the precarious stalemate in the battle against the fires.

There were no new rains in sight today and the winds laid a smoke pall over the lower Georgia seaboard.

Fortune Hunters Flock To Sierra Hills in Frenzied Uranium Hunt

Bakersfield, Calif.—(U.P.)—A thousand fortune hunters fanned out over the High Sierra today in a frenzied search for uranium reminiscent of the gold fever of a century ago.

The rush was touched off Tuesday when the Atomic Energy commission released its first uranium map of a Far West area. The map showed three "hot spots" in the mountains about 30 miles east of Bakersfield.

Late Tuesday, the Kern county recorder's office reported that 130 uranium claims already had

Linda Christian's Application Delayed

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Linda Christian, who was born in Mexico, will have to wait a while before winning her U.S. citizenship.

The local immigration office temporarily denied her application for citizenship yesterday because she has not completed five years of uninterrupted residence in this country.

Immigration records show the estranged wife of actor Tyrone Power was absent from the United States from March 10, 1950, to May 16, 1951. She may refile May 17 this year.

been filed. Hundreds more were expected to be filed today.

The uranium searchers ranged from grizzled miners who have spent a lifetime prospecting for metals to greenhorns who asked, "How do you tell a rattlesnake?"

A crowd of 1000 jammed the street around the AEC office to see the map. Hundreds of men had spent the night before the office in the hope of being the first in the tiny room where the map was on display.

As soon as the map was available for inspection, the prospectors copied the symbols on maps of their own. Some took flash pictures of it. As soon as each man was finished, he pushed his way out of the room.

Head for Mountains
Once in the street outside, those who had seen the map rushed for their automobiles and headed for the mountains.

An exception was Robert Doherty, 38, of Hanford, Calif. Once he made his map, he strolled out of the room to a telephone booth. There he called his partners—11 men waiting at scattered points in the Sierra, each with a jeep and pack horse.

"We're doing this systematically," he said.

The uranium hunters complained the AEC map was "very small." A Bakersfield blueprint firm took advantage of the fact

that there was only one copy available and sold 400 reproductions at \$1 each within three hours after the unveiling.

Outside the AEC office, three trucks pulled up to the sidewalk and their owners lowered the tailgates. From them the owners peddled Geiger counters, some of which went as low as \$30.

TO DEDICATE ELEVATOR

Oregon City — (U.P.) — Dedication of Oregon City's new civic elevator, to help persons get from the downtown area to the residential area on the bluff above, has been set for May 1, City Manager Robert Clute said today. The old elevator has been in use 41 years.

TROLLERS GO TO SEA

Astoria — (U.P.) — Some 300 salmon trollers put to sea yesterday afternoon for opening of the 1955 salmon trolling season. Price of chinook to fishermen will be about 30 cents a pound.

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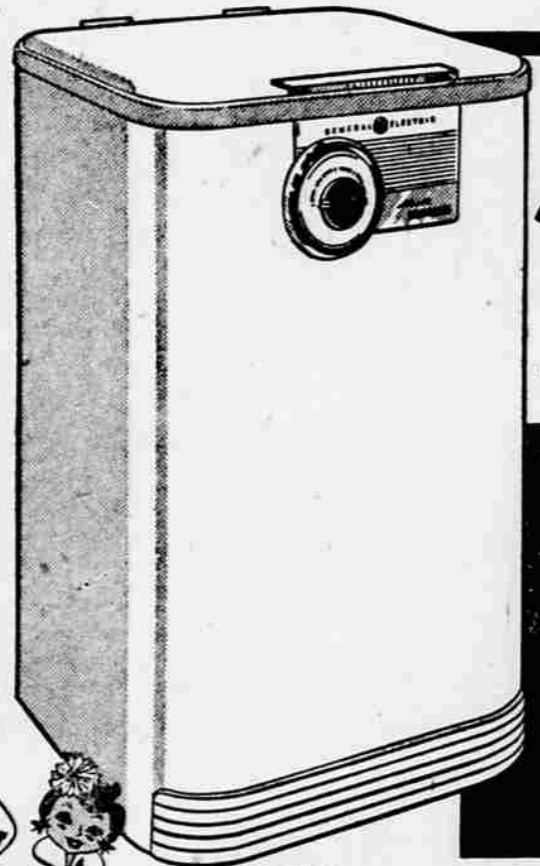
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