

Tiny Leukemia Victim Back In Hospital; Death Awaited

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—A two-year-old leukemia-stricken girl whose twin sister died of the same disease a month ago returned to the hospital Tuesday, perhaps for the last time.

Kathleen van Lopik was readmitted to the hospital where her sister, Eileen, died Feb. 26. Doctors said it was a "once-in-a-million" medical rarity that both girls were stricken with the incurable blood disease.

Eileen died only a week after doctors discovered that Kathleen also was afflicted. Her death followed by four months the discovery that she had the disease.

Became Very Pale
Kathleen was given three to four months to live when her condition also was diagnosed as "acute leukemia." But her father, John van Lopik, 26, a furniture worker, said the remaining twin became "very pale and tired quickly" last week.

"At least we had her home for Easter," Van Lopik said. "The doctors let us take Eileen home for Christmas, but then we had to take her back the next day."

the hospital shortly after her sister's death. She had been given a series of transfusions and drugs. Doctors said they planned to use different drugs on Kathleen.

They said she would be given blood transfusions in an attempt to build up her strength. Van Lopik said it still was hard to realize that both of the blonde, blue-eyed girls had the incurable disease.

Stronger Than Sister

Kathleen always was stronger than her sister, Van Lopik said. "We don't want to believe it, but it's a fact and we'll have to accept that she is going to die."

Mrs. Van Lopik also accepted the almost certain death of her other child philosophically.

"It's the Lord's will," she said. "We have to accept it. There's a good reason for it and it will be revealed to us some day."

In 1880, New York led the nation with 1,437,855 milk cows. Wisconsin was ninth with 478,374. By 1950, Wisconsin was first with 2,075,570, while New York dropped to third with 1,217,596.

Court's Decision on Assessing Trees For Taxes Is Discussed

The significance of last week's decision of the Oregon Supreme court concerning assessment of orchard trees for tax purposes was discussed yesterday in an interview with Medford Attorney Phillip B. Lowry.

Approximately 160 petitions were filed with the state tax commission in November seeking a review of the entire record and raising questions which could not be answered by the court decision.

Lowry said that while the decision left many questions unanswered, "we know it does establish certain points."

Render Decision

He said the court actually rendered a decision only on a petition filed by the Medford Pear company, of which Lowry is legal counsel, which sought a writ of mandamus against the late county assessor, Robert G. Fowler.

The move was designed to force Fowler to turn over to the sheriff the assessment rolls which were due Oct. 15, but

which had not yet been received by the tax collector's office.

The rolls were not turned over to the sheriff's office until Oct. 26, after the state tax commission, purporting to act as a board of equalization in Jackson county, had reinstated a great number of the names which previously had been ordered removed.

Included Obligation

The "alternative writ of mandamus" sent to the assessor was merely a reiteration of his legal duties and included an obligation to turn over the assessment rolls.

In June, 1955, the state tax commission had ordered the county board of equalization to assess the trees and add their value to the assessed land value.

The company contended the increased assessments were void because the board failed to give notice of the increases. Although

the tax commission ruled the increased assessments were void, its personnel later appeared in the county as a purported board of equalization and then added many of the names again to the list.

Main Points

The main points which Lowry said he felt the court indicated by the decision were:

1. The assessment rolls should have been delivered Oct. 15, rather than Oct. 28.

2. The documents delivered to the sheriff Oct. 26 constituted a tax roll, although they were a new-type business machine card not used before.

3. Any tree assessment entries placed on assessment rolls or business machine cards by the Jackson county board of equalization or by the assessor were void entries and any remaining on the rolls must be deleted, except those orders made by the state tax commission which resulted in other entries of assessments.

4. The court expressly stated it was not in a position in the mandamus case to decide whether anything done by the state tax commission was valid or invalid, and that remains yet to be determined.

Questions of Facts
Lowry further explained that in a number of aspects of the case questions of fact are involved, with the fruitgrowers and the commission disagreeing.

Because the court was only considering the writ of mandamus, it necessarily could not decide issues such as the right to tax orchard trees.

It is expected that the tax commission hearings on the petitions from local growers will begin in May. It is likely that at least one test case will result in circuit court and be appealed, either by the growers or the commission, to the supreme court.

In that event, all questions arising in the case can then be decided by the higher court with a complete record before it.

Russian Leaders Invited To Restore Freedom in Soviet

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States is giving Russia's leaders daily invitations to scrap all phases of Stalinism and restore freedom in the Soviet world.

The all-out campaign to get Soviet bosses to be "good boys" is being waged daily by the Voice of America. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles joined the drive yesterday when he told a news conference current Russian policies still "fall far short of the accepted code of international conduct."

Part of Strategy
The redoubled American campaign is part of a strategy to capitalize on Soviet downgrading of Josef Stalin. The United States does not expect to accomplish any overnight revolutions behind the Iron Curtain, but it does hope the campaign may some day induce Russian leaders to give up their firm grasp on all peoples under their control.

Dulles has appealed to moderates in Russia before. Last February he predicted in a speech that the Soviet Union some day will be governed by men "who put the welfare of the Russian people above world conquest."

Cause for Hope
He seemed to follow the same tack yesterday. Although many of Russia's current policies remain "predatory," he said, there is still cause for hope.

"... The fact that the Soviet rulers now denounce much of the past gives cause for hope, because it demonstrates that liberalizing influences from within and without can bring about peaceful change," he said.

Seaman Cleared In Woman's Death

Auckland, N.Z.—(U.P.)—Detective Sgt. Jack Findlay, who flew across the Pacific on the trail of a seaman suspected of murdering a Pacific island woman, said today he is satisfied her death was accidental.

Natives of the tiny island of Rarotonga, who told Findlay the missing woman was murdered by a crewman of the New Zealand freighter Waitemata, were unable to identify any of the ship's crew when it returned to the island.

They eventually confessed that they made up the murder story so they wouldn't be blamed for the woman's death.

The missing woman was drunk when she was last seen on the island, just after a violent storm. Her body has not been recovered, but Findlay believes she fell off a bridge into a rain-swollen stream and was swept out to sea.

Crewmen of the Waitemata have complained to their union about restrictions imposed on their shore leave while they were in the United States because of the murder charge.

Girl Injured When Horse Falls on Her

Peggy Clark, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oral G. Clark, 2251 Barnett rd., and vice-president of the Rogue Rangers riding group, suffered serious injuries late Tuesday afternoon when her horse reared and rolled on her, according to a report of the accident.

She was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance attendants where her condition is reported today as serious.

Miss Clark was riding with companions at the time. She received a possible pelvic fracture and abdominal injuries, it was reported at the hospital.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Public Warned To Beware of Hoxsey Cancer Treatment

Washington — (U.P.) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned the public today to beware of the so-called Hoxsey treatment for internal cancer.

It declared the method is "worthless," represents a "gross deception" of patients, and can be "dangerous" if it delays proper medical care.

The special warning—first of its kind ever issued by the government—was aimed at Harry M. Hoxsey who has been selling cancer "medicines" and claiming cures for some 30 years. In

1927 and 1930, he pleaded guilty three times to practicing medicine without a license.

Operates Clinics

Hoxsey now operates cancer clinics in Dallas, Tex., and Portage, Pa. He has treated patients from all over the country.

George P. Larrick, commissioner of food and drugs, issued the warning in a signed statement based on a ruling of the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

He said Hoxsey "charges \$460 for something which 'will yield

nothing of value." After a "superficial and inadequate examination of the patient," he said, the patient is supplied with one or more so-called "cancer" medicines.

A Food and Drug spokesman said the warning was limited to Hoxsey's treatment of internal cancer — the most serious kind — because the legal actions against him did not involve his treatment of external skin cancers.

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