

Four Trips Made By Mercy Flights

R. M. Wyatt, proprietor of the Table Rock store north of the Rogue river, was flown from Mt. Shasta, Calif., to Medford yesterday, and taken to Sacred Heart hospital.

Wyatt was seriously injured last week in an automobile accident which took the life of A. E. Pisch and his daughter, Marjorie, 5, and injured Mrs. Pisch.

Pilots of Mercy Flights, Inc., who brought Wyatt to Medford, said he was still unconscious from his accident injuries.

Three other persons were carried by planes of the non-profit air ambulance service yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes, Keene Way dr., who were injured in an automobile accident near Arcata, Calif., last week, were returned to Medford, and Mrs. Loyd McCashen, Central Point, was flown to Portland for treatment of a back injury at the Good Samaritan hospital.

The four patients brought to 657 the number of persons carried by Mercy Flights planes in its seven years of service.

All patients carried by Mercy Flights yesterday were subscribers to the service, which entitled them to free emergency transportation.

Holmes, Knight Sign Klamath Basin Pact

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes and California's Gov. Goodwin Knight will sign the Klamath basin compact in a telephone ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The compact, controlling uses of water in the Klamath Basin and prohibiting any diversion of water into the Central Valley of California, was approved by the Legislatures of both states.

The governors will sign the compact as they confer for telephone and then send the document for ratification by the Congress.

Largest incandescent light bulb (75,000 watts) is about 171,400 times brighter than Edison's first lamp in 1879.



KNIGHT OF YEAR—Frank DeSouza (center) is shown above receiving notification of his selection as "Knight of the Year" of Rogue River council 1594, Knights of Columbus. Presenting the notification is John Hockstatter, right, grand knight, and Harold Lumsden, left, chairman of the selection committee. DeSouza will be honored at a Past-Grand Knights banquet Monday, April 29, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Knights of Columbus Name DeSouza Knight of Year

Frank DeSouza, 30 Western ave., Medford, has been selected as "Knight of the Year" by Rogue River council 1594, Knights of Columbus, according to John Hockstatter, grand knight.

DeSouza was selected because of his contributions to community service and his work in the Knights of Columbus, Hockstatter said.

Active Career — The new "Knight of the Year" has been active as a newspaperman, lawyer, postmaster, judge and legislator. He served as news editor of several Arizona newspapers in the early 1900s then studied law and was admitted to the Arizona bar in 1908. DeSouza served as a member of the last territorial legislature of Arizona before it became a state. In addition, he was chief clerk

of the convention which adopted the constitution of the state of Arizona, patterned after the Oregon state constitution.

He has served as city judge of Phoenix, Ariz., and is now city judge of Phoenix, Ore., and Jacksonville.

Other Activities — DeSouza's other activities include past grand knight of council 1189, Knights of Columbus in Arizona, past grand knight of Rogue River council 1594, twenty years service as postmaster of the Medford postoffice, first president of Arizona state Elks, past chairman of the Democratic committees of Maricopa county, Arizona, and Jackson county. He is now president of the Northwest Mining Council, Inc., member of Woodmen of the World and BPOE, treasurer and director of the Southern Oregon Historical society and member of the Holy Name society of Sacred Heart parish of Medford.

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Trust, Estate Forum Scheduled in Medford

U. S. National bank will present a trust and estate forum in Medford at the Jackson hotel Thursday, April 18, according to Allan F. Perry, manager of the Medford branch.

The bank's four-man team for the Medford forum consists of trust officers William R. Bradshaw, H. E. Butler, W. D. Hinson and G. M. Trethewey. They are from U. S. National's head office in Portland.

Forum discussions will be on three major topics, the scope of trust services, planning your estate, and suggestions for your estate program.

Following the forum talks there will be a question and answer period and social hour including refreshments, according to Perry.

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Briefs From the Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — A move to separate the State Unemployment Compensation Commission and the State Industrial Accident Commission has been referred to the Senate Labor and Industries Committee after a proposal to abolish the three-man commission in favor of an employment security commissioner failed.

The vote on Senate bill 62, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Commission and put that work under an employment security commissioner was strictly along party lines, with the 15 Republicans in the Sen-

ate voting against the labor-backed bill and the 15 Democrats voting for it.

At present the same three members make up the unemployment Compensation Commission and the Industrial Accident Commission.

Salem — (U.P.) — A legislative joint Ways and Means Subcommittee has approved a \$44,216,386 appropriation for higher education.

The full committee will consider the budget on Wednesday. The subcommittee figure was \$600,000 under the recommendations of former Gov. Elmo Smith, but the slash was made up by increasing student fees by \$616,000.

Retained in the proposed budget were a 5 per cent merit increase across the board plus a 20 per cent increase for staff members.

Student fees would be increased \$15 a year for Oregon residents and \$30 a year for out-of-state students.

Salem — (U.P.) — Provision for increases in the salaries of academic staff members at Oregon's state institutions of higher learning have been made by a Senate subcommittee on education headed by Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat.

The recommendation was for a five per cent increase to be granted to all academic employees and an additional 20 per cent to bring certain salaries in line with those for similar posts elsewhere to lessen the risk of Oregon losing its full-fledged professors to outside interests.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill increasing provisions of the teachers' tenure law to school districts with 4500 or more students in average daily attendance has passed the House.

Rep. Keith Skelton, Eugene Democrat, said Roseburg would be the only district to come under the new law Sept. 1, 1958 if the bill passes the Senate. Rep. Joe Rogers, Independence Democrat and chairman of the House Education Committee, opposed the bill on grounds it might interfere with school re-organization proposals now being considered.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate yesterday debated Senate bill 4, which would repeal sections of the law which provide that a newspaper, periodical, radio, television or the movies may be sued for actual damages only and not for punitive damages if libel is unintentionally committed and a retraction or correction is made in the same media

within a reasonable length of time.

An amendment to SB4 retains the provisions, however, that the injured party shall recover only special damages and not punitive damages where the publisher or broadcaster proves that the defamation was neither intended nor the result of negligence on the part of the employer or any employee or agent and further proves that a correction or retraction was made.

Salem — (U.P.) — The House had before it House joint resolution 18, providing for a constitutional amendment to give authority for the state to finance state institution construction by bond issue. This has taken on added significance since it has become apparent that the Joint Ways and Means Committee may pare appropriations for institution construction to assure more funds for basic school support

Also up for House action was House joint resolution 27, designating April 27 Izaak Walton day and declaring it a legislative holiday "in honor of the fisherman of Oregon and their patron saint, Izaak Walton."



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