

Rogue Valley Council on Aging Plans Friendly Visiting Program

A community-sponsored service to provide friendly visiting for patients in nursing homes and homes for the aged is being organized by the health committee of the Rogue Valley Council on the Aging.

The service, to fulfill a long-recognized need in Jackson county, is part of a statewide movement to set up such a service. It resulted from the formation of the state council on aging appointed by the last legislature.

The first training meeting for volunteers for the service will be Wednesday, Nov. 19, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford. Mrs. Frank Fairweather, social service volunteer trainee, will be in charge, assisted by Miss Agnes White and Mrs. Fred Gardner, medical social workers with the Jackson County public welfare commission.

Purpose of Program
The friendly visiting program is an attempt to provide companionship for those elderly persons who have become socially isolated and homebound, the committee in charge noted.

The committee hopes to secure enough volunteers so each nursing home may have at least three who will call during afternoon or early evening hours on a regular weekly visit. Volunteers are being

recruited through the Council of Church Women and civic and fraternal organizations.

Purpose of the visit would vary according to the needs of individual patients, and the nursing home operator and would include such services as birthday card remembrances, reading, help with letter writing or visiting.

In Other Areas
Other areas which have introduced such a service said the program has proven to be one of the most popular and appealing to the community, the committee reported.

The committee noted that there are 15 licensed nursing homes or homes for the aged in the county with about 265 patients according to welfare department figures. Many of the patients have no families or have families unable to visit them.

Nurses in such homes, the committee noted, do not have time to provide more than actual physical care, despite the fact that extensive research proves that less medical care is necessary when patients are content by being given small extra attention.

Training Course
The training course will include suggestions for what might be done during a friendly visit and what things might not be beneficial to the patients. Mrs. Fairweather has had social welfare training

and is the official Red Cross area social service volunteer trainee. She is the Red Cross representative on the Council.

Others on the planning committee include Mrs. Everett Faber, Mrs. S. D. Earhart, Mrs. C. Weldon Kline, Mrs. Henry Rowell and Mrs. H. Davich, nursing home operators, Mrs. Fred Rankin, representing the state Council on the Aging, Miss White and Mrs. Gardner of the welfare commission, and Mrs. Chester Guches.

Anyone now visiting in nursing homes through a church group or individually is invited to the meeting to help plan the program, the committee said. Volunteers attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and coffee will be furnished.

Fire Damages Upstairs Of John Ross Residence

Flames Saturday destroyed most of the roof and two upstairs rooms in the residence of John T. Ross, 1522 Mineard rd., Medford, according to the Medford fire department.

Flames were shooting through the roof and a wall when the fire department trucks arrived, firemen said. Some water damage occurred downstairs.

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Issues Lacking as Alaska Prepares to Vote for Senator

By MARTIN HEERWALD
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Fairbanks, Alaska—UPI—Reporters blinked and asked again. It sounded as if Republican Mike Stepovich had just said there were "no big issues" in his campaign against Democrat Ernest Gruening for one of the Senate seats Alaska will occupy in the next Congress.

"That's right," Stepovich repeated with a shrug. "This is mostly a campaign of individuals rather than issues."

The same situation applies to the campaigns for Alaska's other U. S. Senate seat and for its one seat in the House of Representatives. The voters of the nation's 49th state will make their choices in the Nov. 25 general election on the basis of popularity and political party.

For Stepovich, the Aug. 25 primary in which he won the nomination without opposition showed he may have to count on popularity alone, because, with the exception of the votes he himself received, Democrats outpolled Republicans about two-to-one.

Vote Not Surprising
The heavy Democratic vote was not surprising, because Alaska has been in the political column for years, but Stepovich's decided edge over Gruening—who also was unopposed—did cause some eyebrow-raising.

Stepovich doesn't like to compare his own vote-getting success with that of other GOP candidates. He prefers to accept it without explanation, although he will acknowledge he was helped by the fact he was governor when Congress authorized statehood and he played a major role in the statehood campaign.

Stepovich, 39, the father of eight children and still young looking enough to pass for a college halfback, spent only a short while in the governor's mansion at Juneau before resigning to run for Senator.

Gruening, 71, was territorial governor for 14 years, appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He has long been a dominant force in Alaska politics, and, since the primary, has been working hard to overcome his vote deficit.

In the other senatorial contest, veteran Congressional Delegate E. L. (Bob) Bartlett was the most popular man on the ballot in the primary. He carries into the general election what appears to be an overwhelming majority over his Republican opponent, R. E. Robertson. But Robertson has been scurrying around Alaska on the theory that anything can happen in politics.

Little More Hopeful's
Republicans are a little more hopeful about their chances in the race for Congressman-at-large. They figure their candidate, former territorial Labor Commissioner Henry A. Benson, will pull a surprise by upsetting Democrat Ralph J. Rivers.

The contest for governor between Democrat William A. Egan, who was chairman of Alaska's constitutional convention, and John Butrovich Jr., a close associate of Stepovich, also finds the GOP in the position of having to win over many Democratic votes in order to triumph. Although

Rogue River Woman Donates Eighth Pint

Rogue River—A total of 41 pints of blood were donated Thursday during the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit in Rogue River. Officials reported that 47 persons arrived to donate with six persons rejected for various reasons. The quota was 50 pints.

A "gallon" pin was presented to Mrs. William Hunter after she had donated her eighth pint of blood.

JUSTICE DIES
Clearfield, Pa.—UPI—Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice John C. Arnold, 71, died at his home here Sunday of complications resulting from a fall in September.

this race also lacks burning issues, Republicans have been trying to make one by charging Egan with being the captive of labor leaders.

Alaskans also will elect 20 senators and 40 representa-

tives to their first state legislature in the Nov. 25 election. Here again, unless the Republicans can turn things upside down, the indications are that Democrats will have strong control in both houses.

Fliers Make Unusual Entrance for Cup of Tea

Hornchurch, England—UPI—Mrs. Mabel Vaughan was having tea under the apple tree in her garden when all the trouble started.

Ronald Black, 29, and a friend, Mary Holmes, 27, were flying about the countryside in an American-built, single-engine Aerona monoplane when the engine began sputtering.

Black zigged and zagged over the local golf course, sending golfers running for cover. Watchers sucked in their breath as the plane hit a 60-foot elm tree, spun twice and plopped right into Mrs. Vaughan's apple tree.

Black and Miss Holmes clambered out, uninjured except for a slight cut on Black's forehead.

Mrs. Vaughan sprang to her feet and quickly sized up the situation.

"Would you like a cup of tea?" she asked.

"Yes, please," they said.

They had their tea, left the plane in the garden and went home by cab.

Unusual Hobbies To Be Displayed at Chin Up Club's Hobby Carnival

Several unusual hobbies will be on display at the Chin Up club's annual hobby carnival, to be held at the Girls Community club in Medford next Friday and Saturday. Show hours will be from noon to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Among the hobby displays will be an antique gun collection, valued at about \$1,000, entered by Kenneth McHugh of Medford. Treavell Turpin will display Indian artifacts and a civil defense ham radio station will be in operation.

The Southern Oregon Mushroom society will have a display of mushrooms found in southern Oregon and the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club will have a rock display, in addition to other hobbies.

Entertainment Slated
A large assortment of handicraft items will be offered for sale and a cooked food department will be in operation.

Entertainment will be offered each night with a group of Colleen Hope dancers to perform at 7 p.m. Friday and The Shadows, popular Medford singing group, at 8 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. Mrs. George Heide will play organ music and her son, Bob, will play the cornet while at 8 p.m. Mrs. C. R. Alexander's Hawaiian band will perform.

A small admission charge will be made and a table lamp will be given away Friday night and a turkey on Saturday night.

Birmingham, England—UPI—Birmingham university has banned all-day poker games which kept students away from classes and meals and sometimes led to the gambling away of scholarship grants, the London Sunday Graphic reported Sunday.

Doctor Faces 91st Cancer Operation

Chicago—UPI—Dr. Emil H. Grubbe, 83, believed to be the first physician to use X-rays as a cancer treatment, will undergo his 91st operation Tuesday for the malignancy he contracted during his experiments to aid others.

Fellow doctors said they never heard a complaint from Grubbe, who already has lost his left hand, his upper lip and jaw, his nose and much of the right side of his face to cancer.

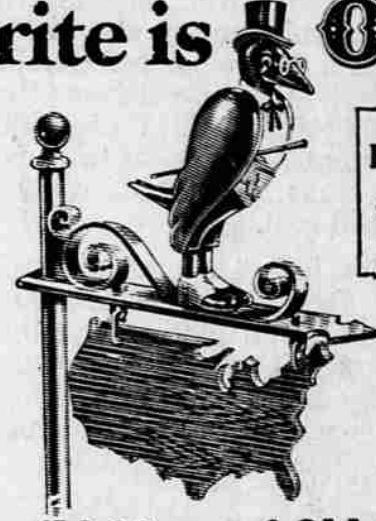
Dr. J. R. Orndorff will amputate parts of the fingers of Grubbe's right hand in Tuesday's operation.

The massive dosages of X-rays Grubbe's body absorbed in his early experiments were blamed for the cancer that now afflicts him.

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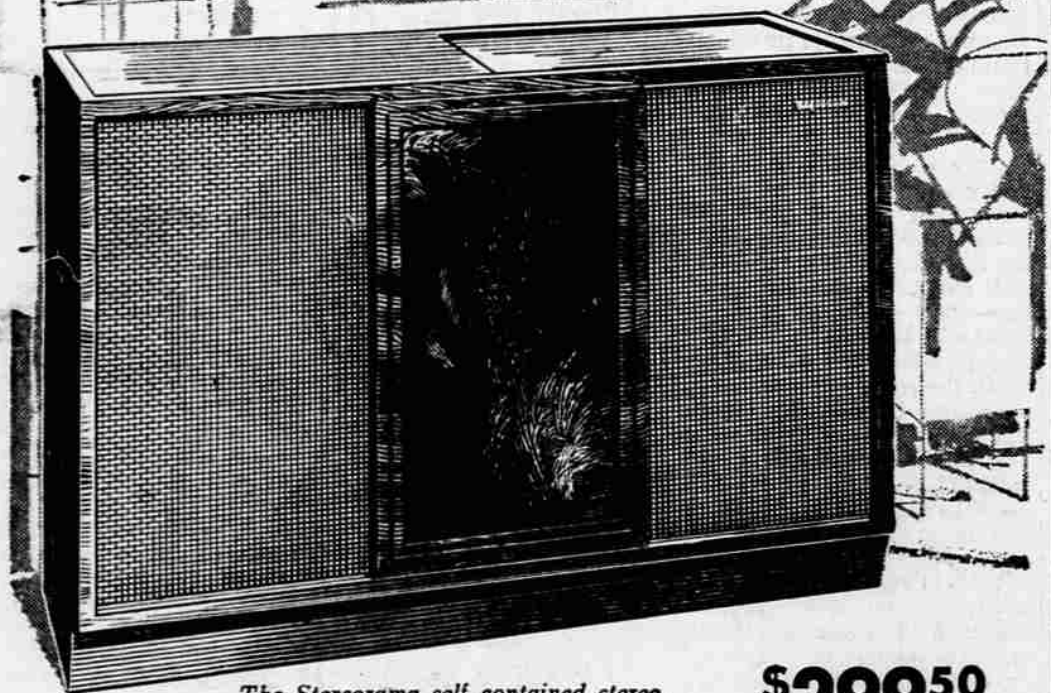
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