

Local and Personal

Surgery Patient - Gayle Pearson, 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. Maxine Pearson, 817 Beekman st., Medford, was a surgery patient at Medford Osteopathic hospital yesterday.

Lights Taken - Helen Hanson Winter, 625 Dakota st., told city police that 15 Christmas lights were taken from her front yard Monday evening.

Patients - Donald Copeland, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Copeland, 1292 Dixie lane, Medford, and Gary Clifford, route 1, box 190, Eagle Point, were listed as medical patients today at Medford Osteopathic hospital.

Theft - Ethel Turley Stampert told city police that a hubcap and chrome strip valued at \$12 were taken from her car while it was parked at the Medford Bowling Lanes, 821 North Riverside ave., recently.

Meeting Set - Boys in the ninth grade or above who are interested in organizing an Explorer Post have been invited to attend an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, in the Pythian building, Fifth and Grape sts., Emil O. Johnson Jr., institutional representative, has announced.

Dog Bite - City police said a dog owned by Aretha Alma Lewis, 737 South Holly st., has bitten three children in recent weeks. The latest child to be bitten, police said, was 9-year-old Roger James Blaylock, 412 South Grape st., who was bitten on the right leg while riding his bicycle Monday. City police have advised the dog's owner to keep it tied up.

Permits - The city building department recently issued four permits. Bell Warner was issued a \$10,500 permit to remodel a store building at 14 and 24 North Bartlett st. Electrical products acquired permits for \$2,500 and \$1,000 to hang signs at 111 North Central ave. and 409 North Riverside ave. E. H. Allen was issued a \$10,000 permit to erect a residence at 2480 Gary st.

Washington - There are 171 U.S. national parks containing a combined area of approximately 21 million acres.

Javelin Rocket Test Succeeds

Washington - (UPI) - American and Canadian scientists launched a four-stage "Javelin" rocket from the Wallops Island, Va., test station early today to measure radio signals from space and test a new U.S. space engine.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced here that the 7,000-pound rocket blasted off at 2:56 a.m. (e.s.t.) and fell into the Atlantic about 600 miles away 18 minutes later.

The "Javelin" was designed to reach an altitude of 560 miles. Scientists did not know immediately whether the rocket climbed that high. But a NASA spokesman said preliminary data indicated the test went "real fine."

The top stage of the "Javelin" was an X-248 rocket which will serve as the third stage of the "Delta," now under development by NASA to launch deep space probes and earth satellites.

NASA wanted to determine how the X-248 worked in airless space above the earth's atmosphere.

Albany Youth Nabbed by Police

Salem - (UPI) - A bullet-punctuated police chase resulted Monday in a \$305 fine and two days in jail for an Albany youth.

Object of the chase Saturday night was Stanley Montgomery Miller, 22. He was cited for reckless driving, driving without a license and violation of the Salem noise ordinance.

Police began to chase his car in downtown Salem. One police warning shot ended it. Two others with Miller were charged with disorderly conduct and vagrancy.

Police Reshuffle Brings Protests

Portland - (UPI) - The Multnomah County Civil Service commission Monday upheld protests to recent top-level reshuffling in the sheriff's office here.

The Commission ruled Sheriff Francis Lambert did not have authority to replace Chief Deputy Ard Pratt with John Matthews or to transfer Capt. Gordon Auburn to chief of the detectives division. The action had been protested by the County Police Union.

Lambert indicated he would seek a court ruling.

TREMOR SHAKES TOWN

Finley, Tenn. - (UPI) - A violent earth tremor shook this area Monday causing minor damage but no reported injuries.

Mrs. Egbert Finley, 70, said she "thought the whole house was coming down." U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas reported feeling the quake while seated in a duck hunting blind near Halls, Tenn.



Li'l Abner on Screen - In the filmed version of "Li'l Abner," to debut in the nation's motion picture houses on Christmas Day, Peter Palmer plays Abner and Leslie Parrish, Daisy Mae. The movie is based on the Broadway musical adaptation of Al Capp's famed comic strip, which appears daily in the Mail Tribune.

Many Theaters To Show Li'l Abner Picture in Christmas Day Debut

New York - (UPI) - Al Capp, creator and for a quarter-century official historian of Dogpatch, a comic-strip land located in the middle of nearly 1,000 newspapers in the U.S., Canada and 28 foreign countries, laughed his bubbling, booming laugh and said: "It brings joy to avaricious me."

He was talking about the fact that nearly 400 movie theaters had signed up for the Christmas week opening of "Li'l Abner," the film musical based on Capp's famed strip and on the Broadway hit of the same name which ran for two years.

How did he feel about Abner taking to the movies?

"I saw a preview of the movie and loved it," he said. "I know it is traditional for authors to beef and gripe and raise hell about how movie people ruined their work of art, but like an idiot I sat there and loved it."

"And I was conscience stricken that I use a pen and a 50-cent bottle of ink to draw these characters and Paramount goes and spends millions. The set is so good - it's about as big as Bridgeport - that they ought to tear down Paramount and leave the set as a national park."

"The picture makes the most interesting use of girls. I've never seen so darn many pretty girls in such abbreviated costumes, and by gosh they're not sex-bombs, they're just a delight to see. They're not undressed in the kind of way the girls in French pictures are undressed."

How about Stupifin Jones? Is the magnificent Julie Newmar playing her, the same as she did on Broadway?

"Oh, nothing else - she's the only thing in the world like it," said Capp. "You know, for the original show we auditioned people for that part just by telling them to stand still and inhale. She doesn't have a word of dialogue; she just comes out and everybody is paralyzed."

Besides the aforementioned Jones, the movie has surely the most remarkable list of characters - all from the comic strip - ever plunked onto a film cast: Marryin' Sam, General Bullmoose, Appassionata von Climax, Earthquake McGoon, Moonbeam McSwine, Sen. Jack S. Phogbound, Evil Eye Fleggie, Available Jones, Lonesome Polecat, Hairless Joe (pronounced Djaugh), and a statue of the great war hero, Gen. Jubilation T. Cornpone, as well as the Yokum family.

"Abner, the musical, had a curious history," Capp said. "About 17 years ago I worked with Joshua Logan and Oscar Hammerstein on an Abner musical. We were going to make a nightclub comedian named Milton Berle the star - Logan and I predicted a great future for him."

"The second comedy lead was going to be a young fellow named Jose Ferrer. Josh and I had begun to write it, and Hammerstein had completed one set of lyrics. But they never could understand that doing a comic strip took a little of my time. It was my fault - I conked out. I couldn't do two jobs."

Worked Hard for Year

"Then about seven years

Obituaries

CHARLIE L. SARGENT
Ashland - Charlie L. Sargent, 75, of 585 East Main st., Ashland, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon.

He was born Sept. 13, 1884, in White Water, Wisc., and was married to Bertha Fischer in Antigo, Wisc., Aug. 19, 1905.

He lived in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and in Oakland, Calif., before moving to Ashland in 1948, where he was employed in the logging industry.

Survivors include his widow, Bertha; six daughters, Mrs. Nellie Murray, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Cora McClellan, Mrs. Stella Mills, Mrs. Helen Vernon, all of Oakland, Calif.; and Mrs. Edna Ragan, both of Ashland; 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Two sons preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, at Litwiler's Mt. View chapel. The Rev. R. L. Cornwall will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. View cemetery.

RUTHFORD ALEXANDER
Rutherford H. Alexander, 71, of 4833 Hope dr., Central Point, died at home Monday afternoon. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perl Funeral home.

ALBERT ASHER
Funeral services for Albert Allen Asher, 74, of 3761 South Pacific highway, who died in a local hospital Sunday, will be held at Perl Funeral home Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. William C. Piper of the First Christian church will officiate. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

Mr. Asher was born in Hugo, Ore., March 24, 1885, and was a resident of this area for 36 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Thelma Asher of Phoenix, and one nephew in California.

JAMES ROBINS
Funeral services for James Robins, 83, of 217 Laurel st., who died in a local hospital Monday, will be held at Perl Funeral home Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster will officiate. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park, with the Elks lodge participating in the graveside services.

Mr. Robins was born in Central City, Colo., Feb. 12, 1876, where he resided until 1903. On Sept. 3, 1903, he married Maude Dryden Belcher.

They came to Oregon and settled in Gold Hill where they resided until he was employed by the Condon Water and Power company, in the construction of the Gold Ray dam. Later he was employed by the California Oregon Power company, where he remained until his retirement in 1947, when he moved to Medford.

He is survived by his wife, Maude D. Robins; one sister, Mrs. James Quinn, Denver, Colo.; one son, Donald James Robins, Medford; one granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Taylor, and two great granddaughters.

He was a member of the Elks lodge for 35 years.

Palbearers will be Frank Ward, Elmer Ward, G. R. Morningstar, Elmer G. Hawkins, Roy Sarver, and Robert Smith.

VIOLA M. HELMAN
Ashland - Funeral services for Mrs. Viola Margaret Helman, 93, of 820 West Second st., Medford, who died in an Ashland nursing home Monday, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Litwiler's Mt. View chapel. The Rev. Herschel Hall will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Ashland cemetery.

She was born Jan. 20, 1866, in Crabtown, Iowa, and when she was 13 the family moved to Knox county, Nebraska. She was married to Thomas

Nehru Sees Choice for India

New Delhi - (UPI) - Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said today India must negotiate with the Chinese Communists over the Sino-Indian border dispute or face up to the grim prospects of "indefinite war" between the two nations.

The Indian people have a right to be angry over Chinese incursions across the nation's borders, Nehru told the upper house of Parliament, but they would be better off translating their anger into building industrial and military strength and national morale.

The prime minister said international disputes such as the one India and China are engaged in now may be settled only through diplomacy or war but any Sino-Indian conflict would be "an indefinite war because we will never give in."

Nehru Monday rejected Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai's suggestion that the two men meet Saturday to discuss the border dispute. The suggestion came in a letter from Chou Dec. 18.

The Indian prime minister said today that although the Chinese note reiterated past charges India considered untenable, it still contained "certainly a strong desire to meet and discuss."

"I welcome it," Nehru added. "When the time is suitable I will avail myself of the opportunity" of meeting with Chou.

Porter Sees Fall of Trujillo by Jan. 1

San Juan, P.R. - (UPI) - Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) predicts that Dominican strong man Rafael L. Trujillo will be overthrown "by Jan. 1."

Porter said he has "confidential information indicating that a Dominican upheaval is imminent."

SANTA DESCRIPTION
Dallas, Tex. - (UPI) - Dianne Lentz, 4, was telling her daddy about the Santa Claus she saw in a downtown department store.

"He has white hair on his chin, with rubber bands fastening it on."

Weather

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with patchy valley fog tonight and chance of showers Wednesday. Low tonight 25-28; high Wednesday 45.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 28; below normal 10. Record high this date 61 in 1919. Record low this date 16 in 1948.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, trace. Midnight to 10 a.m., none.

Humidity: Lowest yesterday 93%; highest this a.m. 100%.

Wind: High 4:00 24-45; low 10:00 15-25.

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Brookings 54 43
Crater Lake 39 22
Klamath Falls 39 20
Medford 30 26
Portland 43 33
Seattle 38 31
Spokane 34 29
Yakima 37 32

Eureka 54 44
Red Bluff 50 34
San Francisco 57 38
Los Angeles 66 52
Phoenix 65 52
Denver 43 29
Chicago 51 25
Miami Beach 80 63
New York 35 24
Washington, D.C. 40 28

S. Hight in 1885. He died in Nebraska in 1935.

Mrs. Helman moved to Ashland in 1935, and was married to Benjamin B. Helman, who died April 17, 1940.

Survivors include two sons, Elmer E. Hight, Missoula, Mont., and Thomas J. Hight, Medford; two grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lillian Quirey, Olympia, Wash., and one brother, Clyde Sawyer, Winona, Ore.

Portland Livestock

Portland - (UPI) - USDA - Cattle 150. High good with few choice 1294 lb. fed steers 25.75 with some 24.75; good 1364 lb. 23 with three standard at 20.50; few 1082 lb. standard cows and heifers 19.50; utility cows 15-15.50; canners-cutters 11.50-13; Hottel cutters to 14.50.

Calves 25. Good-choice vealers 28-32; cull-utility 12-20. Hogs 400. Asking steady or upward to 14 and 14.25 for 1 and 2 butchers.

Sheep 300. Good-choice woolled lambs Monday 16.50-17.50.

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

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Northwest Nat. Gas 16 1/2 18
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United Utilities 41 1/2 43 1/2
West Coast Tel. 24 1/2 26 1/2
Weyerhaeuser 40 1/2 43

Former Portland Mayor Suffers Attack
Portland - (UPI) - Earl Riley, former mayor of Portland, was reported in fair condition in a local hospital today. He suffered a heart attack at his home Sunday night.

Arizona College President Dies

Tempe, Ariz. - (UPI) - Dr. Grady Gammage, 67, president of Arizona State university, died today of a heart attack in his home here.

Mrs. Gammage said her husband complained last night of being very tired.

Gammage was president of the Tempe institution since July 1, 1933. He was a former president of Arizona State college at Flagstaff.

Under his guidance, the Tempe school grew from a teachers college with 900 students to a multi-purpose university with an enrollment of more than 10,000.

Investment Funds

Noon quotations on selected funds:

Fund
Bullcock 13.35 14.63
Colonial Emer. 12.80 12.87
Eaton Howard Stk. 24.70 25.40
Fidelity 16.78 18.14
Group Sec.-Elec. 9.23 10.11
Group Sec.-Com Stk 12.62 13.82
Group Sec.-Petr. 9.76 10.69
Group Sec.-Steel 11.27 12.34
Group Sec.-Tobac. 7.68 8.42
Keystone B-3 15.70 17.18
Keystone B-4 9.48 10.25
Keystone K-2 14.68 16.02
Keystone S-1 19.67 21.46
Keystone S-2 11.93 13.02
Keystone S-3 14.59 15.92
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Mass Inv. Grth Stk 14.07 15.21
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