



OPENING BIDS—Rogue Valley hospital officials are shown as they were opening bids last Tuesday for construction of a new 70-bed wing at the hospital. Submitting the apparent low base bid of \$1,104,067 was Graff and James Construction company of Medford. Seated from left to right are

A. S. V. Carpenter, Charles Gustafson, hospital administrator; Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell; George C. Flaunigan, chairman of the hospital building committee; Kingsley Church and Keith McGuire.

### Locals

**Party Cancelled**—The Christmas party scheduled Thursday by the Griffin Creek Grange was cancelled due to the fog, Grange officials announced. The party will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. at the Grange. An exchange of gifts will be held.

#### Elks Lodge Gives TV Set to Ken Durkee

Members of the Medford Elks lodge recently presented a portable television set to Ken Durkee, former Medford High school student and star athlete.

Durkee was seriously injured in an automobile accident last spring and has spent a considerable amount of time under hospital care both in Medford and Portland.

The gift was sponsored by the Lodge's Youth Rehabilitation committee.

Visiting—John Hohensee, airman third class, USAF, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Smith, 801 Newl town ave. Airman Hohensee are attending school in Denver, Colo., and will be stationed in Tacoma, Wash., after Jan. 12.

**Christmas Merry CLOSED TODAY**  
**Open Monday as Usual TOWER BROILER**

**Dinner Set**—Phoenix Grange will serve a potluck dinner at the hall at 7 p.m., Dec. 27, as the preceding event to their Christmas party. Those attending are asked to take their own table service.

Patients in tuberculosis institutions in Canada numbered 10,739 at the end of 1950, compared with the record of 16,051 in 1933.

**DANCE TONIGHT (CHRISTMAS NIGHT)**  
**Sunday, December 25**  
**OASIS BALLROOM** EAGLE POINT  
 Music by The ROGUE NITE RIDERS  
 Guest Singing Star  
 Tex LeMaster & His Swinging Guitar

Enjoy **BREAKFAST This Sunday**  
 Before or After Church...  
 (Served Anytime)  
 at the **Hotel Medford Dining Room**  
 CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

**FOOD AT ITS BEST!**  
 Plan Now for Your Holiday Banquets, Parties or Group Dinners—or Just the Family!  
 ENJOY THE SETTING OF OUR WESTERN ROOM  
 Also a Big **DANCE** Friday & Saturday  
 "The Stringmasters"—Carroll, Harold and Chuck  
 With Your Favorite Western Popular Songs

**PIONEER CAFE**  
 DOWNTOWN CENTRAL POINT—NO 4-2485

**CRATERIAN**  
 Spring 2-6424

Continuous Today from 1:00 P.M.  
 The Perfect Holiday Show!  
 IN A WORLD AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY!  
**THE 3 WORLDS OF GULLIVER**  
 In SUPERDYNAMATION EASTMAN COLOR  
 Starring KERWIN MATHEWS  
 JO MORROW • JUNE THORBURN

**HOLLY** SP-3 1902  
 NOW SHOWING!  
 EXCLUSIVE SOUTHERN OREGON ROAD SHOW ENGAGEMENT!  
**BEN HUR**  
 CHARLTON HESTON • JACK HAWKINS  
 HAYA HARAREET • STEPHEN BOYD  
 HUGH GRIFFITH • MARTHA SCOTT • CATHY O'DONNELL • SAM JAFFE  
 TWO SHOWS TODAY AND MONDAY!  
 MATINEES  
 DOORS OPEN 12:45 "BEN HUR" AT 1:30  
 EVENINGS  
 DOORS OPEN 7:00 "BEN HUR" AT 8:00  
 Adults—All Seats 1.50 Children—under 12 75¢

**Gets Certificate**—Herbert C. Massinger, 1017 South Peach st., Medford, has been awarded a certificate to practice as a Certified Public Accountant by the Oregon state board of accountancy, Harry C. Visse, secretary of the board has announced.

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS" to YOU**  
 from the Entire Staff at **Hotel Medford**  
**Candle Room Open 12 Noon till 10 p.m.**  
 LIONEL REASON at the Piano

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STARTING WEDNESDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME ANYWHERE  
**WALT DISNEY**  
 PRESENTS  
**HIS HOLIDAY MATINEE FESTIVAL**  
 FOUR GREAT MATINEES!  
 Four Days of Disney Hits!  
 Two Great Matinees Each Day!  
 1:00 and 3:15 P.M.  
**DON'T MISS ONE OF THEM!**

WEDNESDAY ONLY  
**Walt Disney's THE SHAGGY DOG**  
 Starring Fred MacMURRAY • Jean HAGEN  
 TOMMY KIRK • ANNETTE FUNICELLO • TIM CONSIGNE • KEVIN • CONZAN  
 —PLUS—  
 A Wonderful Disney Featurette  
 'NATURE'S STRANGEST CREATURES'

THURSDAY ONLY  
 HIS MOST WONDERFUL CARTOON FEATURE  
**WALT DISNEY'S Sleeping Beauty**  
 TECHNICOLOR • THE GLORIOUS MUSIC OF Tchaikovsky and Five Delightful Song Hits!  
 AND ANOTHER WONDERFUL FEATURETTE  
 "ALASKAN SLED DOG"

FRIDAY ONLY  
**WALT DISNEY'S TOBY TYLER**  
 of Ten Weeks with a CIRCUS  
 TECHNICOLOR  
 AND  
 A Featurette Everyone Must Love  
 "WETBACK HOUND"

AND SATURDAY  
 TWO SOLID HOURS OF  
**WALT DISNEY'S Greatest Cartoons**  
 IN FULL COLOR ON THE GIANT SCREEN  
 MICKEY MOUSE  
 MINNIE MOUSE  
 PLUTO  
 CHIP & DALE  
 DONALD DUCK  
 And All the Famous Disney Cartoon Characters

SINCERE **Christmas GREETINGS**  
 Once again the joyous spirit of the Christmas Season abounds in the Rogue River Valley. May the peace and good cheer of this happy holiday time abide with you and yours! All of us here at Mon Desir, are deeply grateful for your friendship, and wish for you a Very Merry Christmas!  
 Julie Tummers  
**JOIN OUR GALA NEW YEAR'S PARTY!**  
 —New Year's Eve at—  
**MON DESIR DINING INN—Central Point**  
 A delicious smorgasbord served starting 6 p.m. Favours, noise-makers, balloons, special music for your dancing pleasure after 9 p.m.—till ? All this for only—  
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 Early Reservations, Please—  
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 NOW OPEN FOR PARTIES! Mon Desir's **PEAR BLOSSOM ROOM**  
 Spacious and Beautiful  
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## The Week in California

# Widow of Airlines Pilot Criticizes FAA, Quesada

**By United Press International**  
 Two tragic airplane accidents—one a collision over New York, the other a crash in downtown Munich—touched deeply into the lives of a number of California families during the week.

In southern California, the widow of an airline pilot killed in the New York collision bitterly criticized the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), calling for reorganization of its "horse and buggy control in a jet age."

Mrs. Robert Sawyer, who buried her husband in Hemet, made the charges in a draft of an open letter she said she hoped would be printed throughout the country. The letter was to all members of Congress.

Mrs. Sawyer is the widow of the pilot of a United Air Lines DC-8 which collided in flight with a TWA Super Constellation over New York Dec. 16, killing 128 occupants of the planes and seven persons on the ground.

**Calls for Complete Overhaul**  
 In her letter, she called for a "complete overhaul of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958."

"This legislation permits one small group of military men to arbitrarily run civil aviation's enormously complex traffic controls with deliberate exclusion of the commercial airlines and of their overwhelmingly greater experience."

"I am confident that the hearing next month (in Washington) will prove once again that public safety is being sacrificed by Gen. (Elwood) Quesada's failure to grapple with the basic problem of horse and buggy traffic controls in a jet age."

The same day that she made public her letter, Alex Schneider, an American teen-ager from California, was buried in Munich, a city shocked out of its usual Christmas gaiety by the crash that killed 19 other Americans and 33 Germans.

Alex, 19, of Inglewood, Calif., was one of the laughing, excited students who boarded a U. S. Air Force plane in Munich for the Christmas holiday flight to London—and who died minutes later when the plane crashed into a Munich streetcar.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Block: Fred Block spent his ninth Christmas in jail this year for refusing to pay alimony and child support to his ex-wife. Yolo County Sheriff Forrest Monroe said he would not appear in court until after the holidays to determine the

disposition of \$1,100 in social security payments he is holding for Block. An attorney for Block's former wife had obtained a court order to attach the funds, but a legal question arose as to whether social security funds could be attached. Meanwhile, the sheriff said Block's ninth Christmas dinner behind bars consisted of ham with all the trimmings.

**Stewardess: Mary Hawthorne**, the airline stewardess who was a principal in a tragic case of mistaken identity, slipped quietly out of a Burlington hospital. The girl, critically injured in the auto accident that took the life of a cab driver and another American Airlines stewardess Nov. 7, left with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Schnell of New York. Mary's purse was hurriedly placed beside the dead stewardess, Joan Frost, 26, of New York, after the accident. Miss Frost's father, Thomas, and her brother, Leo, 21, flew to Burlington after the crash and prayed for two days beside the girl they thought was Joan Frost. Bandages masked the injured girl's features. The error was discovered Nov. 9, the day before Mary Hawthorne's scheduled funeral when two of her friends opened the sealed coffin to place a friendship ring on her finger.

**Shark: Ahuge** basking shark weighing up to 8,000 pounds was snagged in a commercial fishing crew's net and towed into shore at Newport beach. John Fitch, director of the marine laboratory on Terminal Island, said it was the biggest basking shark he had ever heard of or seen.

### Weather

**FORECASTS**  
 Medford and vicinity: Valley fog this morning clearing partially this afternoon. Variable high cloudiness above fog. High today 36. Low tonight 30 to 32. High Monday 40.

**Western Oregon:** Mostly cloudy with considerable fog today and tonight. Occasional rain likely in northern portions this evening. Low tonight 30 to 38 in interior and 40 to 44 on coast. High today 35 to 45 in interior and 45 to 50 on coast. High Monday 37 to 48 in interior.

**Northern California:** Fog in central valley and morning fog in coastal valleys, otherwise fair today and tonight. Slightly colder in northern mountains today. Variable high cloudiness Monday.

**LOCAL DATA**  
**TEMPERATURE:** Mean yesterday 31; below normal 6; Record high this date 36 in 1917. Record low this date 12 in 1924.  
**PRECIPITATION:** 1.47 in. .82 in. below normal.  
 Total since Sept. 1 6.93 in. .79 in. below normal.  
**HUMIDITY:** Lowest yesterday 97%; highest this a.m. 100%.

CITY	Yester. a.m.	High	Low	Prece.
Brookings	35	41	31	0
Grants Pass	37	32	26	0
Klamath Falls	47	26	20	0
MEDFORD	35	27	20	0
Portland	36	27	20	0
Seattle	44	31	10	0
Spokane	28	26	20	0
Yakima	31	27	19	0
Eureka	55	44	37	0
Red Bluff	44	37	27	0
Sacramento	43	39	27	0
San Francisco	47	43	34	0
Los Angeles	54	54	34	0
Phoenix	74	37	27	0
Denver	52	32	27	0
Chicago	23	14	0	0
Miami Beach	71	14	9	0
New York	25	9	4	0
Washington, D.C.	27	14	9	0

The elder Edda (1055-1132) and the younger Edda (1178-1241) are two collections of Icelandic literature.

TODAY **Varsity** MONDAY  
 Continuous FROM 4:15 SHOW STARTS AT 7:00  
 NOW! LET'S OPEN OUR "SURPRISE PACKAGE"!  
 WOW! LOOK HERE... PACKED WITH STAR POWER

**THE BRYNNER GAYNOR**  
 The Off-beat Prize-package comedy of the year!

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**LITUA Theatre** Tonite, Tomorrow  
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