

Hospital Officials Deny Shortages Cause Deaths

Salem—(UPI)—Officials of the State Hospital conceded Wednesday they have a shortage of nurses, but denied patients are dying because of it.

"We are critically short in the area of nursing care," said Dr. D. K. Brooks, superintendent.

"I think that staff shortage can and probably does result in an increased number of bed sores, but no one has died because of a shortage of staff," he said.

"Our staff-patient ratio has never been anywhere near optimum for the provision of the best care possible," said Dr. J. H. Treleven, administrator of the State Mental Health Division.

However, he said, "the statement that people have died of bed sores because of the forced vacancies necessitated by financial restrictions is completely erroneous."

Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) made the charge earlier Wednesday in an attack on Gov. Mark Hatfield, She

accused the governor of holding up standards of "humanity" to the legislature without practicing them in his own administration.

Treleven and Brooks gave their replies in a report requested by the Board of Control which oversees state institutions, and of which the governor is chairman. Treleven denied Mrs. Hand's charge that the level of service at the hospital has declined below that authorized by the 1961 legislature. He called her charges "most unfortunate."

Vacancies Exist

J. N. Peet, secretary of the Board of Control, said it is true that the hospital presently has 74 staff vacancies, but he said these reflect a downward trend in the number of patients.

"It is true there have been some problems in providing adequate patient care for the 60-90 bed care patients," he said.

Brooks said one problem in recent years has been that

improved methods of treatment have permitted the discharge of patients who formerly helped care for other, bedridden patients.

"The work load has become heavier on our side staff," he said. "We are now faced with treating the hard core of more regressed patients who require much nursing care and supervision."

Medford Elks To Install Officers In Saturday Event

Reuel K. Rians Jr. will be installed Exalted Ruler of Medford Elks lodge at ceremonies in the Elks Temple Saturday, March 30.

Other new officers who also will be installed Saturday night are Leading Knight Bob Kennedy, Loyal Knight

Higher Education Staff Praised By Subcommittee

Salem—(UPI)—The men who have been representing higher education at the legislature got some praise Wednesday from the Ways and Means subcommittee on education.

"We have found them most cooperative," said Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland), of chancellor R. E. Lieuellen and his staff.

"Ways and Means has no criticism about cooperation from the chancellor." Other members generally agreed.

The praise was in contrast to a statement made Tuesday by House Speaker Clarence Barton.

Delay Charged

In an attack on Gov. Mark Hatfield, Barton said the governor's agencies were delaying legislative business by failing to cooperate.

He said higher education had not produced enrollment figures requested two weeks earlier.

A Ways and Means member, Sen. Daniel Thiel (D-Ashtoria), said the committee never made a specific request for the figures. He added the subcommittee wasn't ready to use the figures yet, anyway.

The committee devoted its meeting to a discussion of which higher education buildings should be financed by general fund money and which by bonding.

Yukon Crash Survivor Worried About Reunion With Wife Draws Near

Whitehorse, Yukon—(UPI)—A California man, who with a young Brooklyn woman survived a plane crash and 48 days in the northern wilderness, was to be reunited with his wife today for the first time in nine months. His only concern was how she would react to his scarred face.

"I look like a man who just walked out of a tomb," said Ralph Flores, 42, San Bruno, after a nurse at the Whitehorse General hospital helped him shave his thick beard Wednesday.

"I look like a dead man. My face is so thin. And all these scars."

First View of Wounds

It was Flores' first chance to see the wounds his face sustained in the Feb. 4 crash of his single-engine Howard plane in British Columbia wasteland just south of the Yukon boundary.

He was obviously moved by what he saw.

On the left side of his upper lip was a one and one-half inch Y-shaped gouge.

Another deep scar, about two inches long, ran diagonally under his lower lip to the bottom of his chin.

His cheeks showed big bruises.

Also anticipating the arrival of a relative was Helen Klaben, 21, the passenger aboard Flores' plane when it crashed.

Miss Klaben's brother, Edward, was to arrive today from Cincinnati, Ohio, via Alaska.

May Lose Toes

There was no word on the fate of Miss Klaben's right toes, which are expected to be amputated as a result of gangrene having set in.

Flores had a busy day Wednesday. First the shave, then local tailor Jim Goughly was summoned to Flores' hospital room to take measurements for a complete outfit.

The new wardrobe included: One black oxford - be-

cause Flores' left foot is bound in bandages for treatment of frostbite, a charcoal-colored sock, grey flannel trousers, underclothes, a green- and - wine checkered shirt, a pea-green windbreaker, and matching cap.

Then there was a visit, by taxi, to the office of dentist C. R. Pugh, who said Flores was unable to chew properly with only three teeth coming together because of a broken jaw suffered in the crash.

Next stop was Bob Lemire's barber shop, where photographers took pictures of Flores' long, black hair being shorn.

Flores' wife, Teresa, was to arrive from California late today. She has not seen her husband since last June, when she moved back to California from Fairbanks, Alaska, after he decided to work as a mechanic on the DEW line.

Talks About Marriage

Today in Vancouver, she was eager to talk about Ralph and their 17-year marriage.

"Perhaps I talk too much,"

she said. "I do most of the talking in our marriage. But Ralph talks a lot too, once he really gets to know people. When he doesn't know people well he doesn't say much because he's afraid of saying the wrong thing."

Mrs. Flores said the Mormon faith, which she and her husband adopted two years ago, "must have helped Ralph a lot up there."

"But I wish you'd correct that story about him being a lay minister. He's just a member of the Mormon church."

"We had really no religion until two years ago, and we joined the Mormon church because we met so many nice people who were Mormons and they were so nice we thought that was the way we wanted to bring up our family: The way of the Mormon church."

Asked about her husband's personal habits, Mrs. Flores said:

"He used to take social drinks before we joined the

church, and he used to smoke cigarettes - but not when he was flying."

"He wasn't a heavy drinker, he never cashed his pay check in a bar or anything."

"In fact, he didn't even like beer when I first met him."

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Dick Woodcock, who has finished a term as trustee, has been elected to serve another five year term. Other trustees are Aubrey Sander, Murrey Dumas, Frank Van Dyke, and O. J. Brenner.

Alternate Delegate

Leonard Carlson will be alternate delegate for the coming year.

Rians attended Medford schools and was graduated from Jacksonville High school with scholastic honors.

He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the European theater as a paratrooper. On his return to the states, he became active with community affairs.

He has been a member of the American Legion, and Boy Scouts of America, having served as a counselor. He also served for two years as first vice president for the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has worked with the United Crusade and at present is on the board of directors for the American Red Cross and is serving as disaster chairman, and is a member of the Medford Linebackers club.

Rians is employed as general store keeper for the Copco division of P.P.L. He has been with the power company for the past 22 years.

NEW DIPLOMATIC HIGH

Washington—(UPI)—Labor Secretary Willard W. Wirtz came up with what may be a new high in politeness telling a congressman he was wrong. He told Chairman E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.), of a House agriculture subcommittee that "There have been frequent references to this, Mr. Chairman, but we would have difficulty in accepting as definitive the meaning you ascribe to it."

Fractional Gains Recorded by Market

New York—(UPI)—Stocks inched ahead today.

Gains were in a heavy majority but in most cases they were strictly of the small fractional variety. Not one blue chip added more than 1/2 point.

Motors and steels were firm, international oils and chemicals mixed, rails and utilities steady. Metals showed little change but most of the major tobaccos were up a bit.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—(UPI)—Dow Jones final stock averages:

30 industrials 684.73, up 4.35; 20 railroads 152.50, up 0.60; 15 utilities 136.00, up 0.20, and 85 stocks 242.40, up 1.15. Sales Wednesday were about 4.27 million shares compared with 4.1 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Alum Co Am	52 1/2
American Air Lines	52 1/2
American Can	45
American Motors	121 1/2
A.T. & T.	37 1/2
American Tobacco	31 1/2
Anaconda Copper	53 1/2
Armco	53
Bentley Corp.	31 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boeing Air	37 1/2
Brumswick	16 1/2
Catalytic Corp	36
Chrysler Corp	92 1/2
Coca Cola	33 1/2
C.B.S.	33 1/2
Columbia Gas	28 1/2
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	51 1/2
Cruceble Steel	19 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dow Chemical	60
Du Pont	240 1/2
Eastman Kodak	114 1/2
Firestone	33 1/2
Ford	45 1/2
General Electric	73 1/2
General Foods	81
General Motors	65
General Portland Cement	10 1/2
Georgia Pacific	48 1/2
Greyhound	36 1/2
Gulf Oil	42 1/2
Homestate	49 1/2
Radio Power	32 1/2
I.B.M.	42 1/2
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Kennecott Copper	72
Lockheed Aircraft	114 1/2
Merck	33
Montana Power	38 1/2
Montgomery Ward	24 1/2
National Biscuit	40 1/2
New York Central	44 1/2
Northern Pacific	42 1/2
Pac Gas Elec	32 1/2
Pennac	14 1/2
Penn. RR	13 1/2
Perma Cement	13 1/2
Phillips	40 1/2
Procter & Gamble	73 1/2
Radio Corporation	60 1/2
Richfield Oil	43 1/2
Safeway	42 1/2
Santa Fe	27 1/2
Sears	38 1/2
Shell Oil	78 1/2
Socoma Mobil Oil	65 1/2
Southern Co.	52 1/2
Southern Pacific	30 1/2
Sperdy Rand	13 1/2
Standard California	67 1/2
Standard Indiana	67 1/2
Standard N. J.	63 1/2
Stokeley Van Camp	20 1/2
Sun Mines	20 1/2
Texas Co.	65 1/2
Texas Crut Sulfur	114 1/2
Texas Pacific Land Trust	17 1/2
Thokol	23 1/2
Trans America	23 1/2
Trans World Air	13 1/2
Tri-Continental	48 1/2
Union Carbide	108 1/2
Union Pacific	35 1/2
United Aircraft	48 1/2
United Air Lines	38 1/2
U.S. Plywood	32 1/2
U.S. Rubber	43 1/2
U.S. Steel	42 1/2
West Bank Corp	35 1/2
Westinghouse	32 1/2
Youngstown	94 1/2

Victory, Defeat On Brown's Record

Sacramento—(UPI)—Gov. Edmund G. Brown's 1963 legislative program had one major victory and a defeat on the record today.

The victory: A Civil Rights bill strongly backed by the governor whisked out of the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy committee on a voice vote Wednesday afternoon after a three-hour hearing.

The defeat: Democrats on the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment committee defeated a administration-backed Parity of Elections bill by keeping quiet on a roll call vote.

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PRINCESS MARGARET JOINS HUSBAND

Davos, Switzerland—(UPI)—Princess Margaret of Britain arrived from Germany Wednesday to join her husband, Lord Snowdon, for a winter vacation.

ARAB FEDERATION TALKS TO RESUME

Cairo, United Arab Republic—(UPI)—Syria, Iraq and the United Arab Republic will resume talks about a federation of the three Arab states April 6 in Cairo, Baghdad radio announced Wednesday.

FIREWORKS FACTORY BLAST KILLS WORKER

La Plata, Argentina—(UPI)—An explosion in an illegal fireworks factory here killed one woman Wednesday and injured 10 other persons, all of them employed in the plant.

First reports said a lighted cigarette touched off the blast. The owner of the factory was arrested.

KOREAN EXCURSION BOAT SINKS

Pusan, Korea—(UPI)—A small excursion boat with 38 persons aboard sank Wednesday off Pusan.

Police said three persons drowned and 16 were missing. They said 18 others swam safely to shore.

NEUTRALITY TOWARD COMMUNISM DENIED

Vatican City—(UPI)—The Vatican Observatore Della Domenica said Wednesday anyone who thinks Pope John XXIII has adopted neutrality toward communism is "profoundly in error."

It said the Pope's recent reference to the "perfect supernatural neutrality of the church" signified only "that the cause of God can never be tied to contingent political interests."

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