

Carpenter Re-Elected Head Of Rogue Valley Hospital

Alfred S. V. Carpenter was re-elected president of the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital Corporation at the annual meeting of members in the hospital auditorium this week. About 80 persons attended the session.

Also re-elected were the Rt. Rev. J. W. Carman, D. D., Portland, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, vice president; Dwight Houghton, treasurer; and Leon O. Boomer, secretary.

James Rowan was elected to fill the unexpired term on the board of directors, of the late Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, D. D., formerly Oregon Diocese Bishop, who was active in founding the hospital. Bishop Carman was re-elected to the board, and new members elected are Mrs. A. K. Morse, H. P. Jewett and Ward Hammond who replace Mrs. William H. Fluhrer, Ernest DeVoe and Charles Cray, whose terms had expired. All new terms are for five years.

The president's opening remarks concerned recognition of Bishop Dagwell's untiring efforts in the development of the hospital. A resolution was adopted by the board in his honor.

Bishop Dagwell first was associated with the Medford Community Hospital in 1951 and in less than a year was elected chairman of the board of directors and continued to serve in that position until his death in June this year.

It was under Bishop Dagwell's leadership that a campaign was opened in August, 1954, to erect Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital which was dedicated May 1, 1958, constructed at the approximate cost of \$3 million.

Within less than two years of operation further expansion was needed and again under the bishop's guidance the construction of a new wing was completed and opened in April, 1962.

The treasurer's report showed that a total income was received during the year of \$1,648,909 and that total expenses were \$1,685,317.

Fifty-seven per cent of the income was from surgery; 13 per cent maternity cases; 10 per cent from pediatrics and 21 per cent medical cases, according to the report.

Sixty-four per cent of the expenses was paid out for salaries; 6 per cent for food; 5 per cent on drugs; 2 per cent for insurance; 3 per cent utilities and repairs, and 16 per cent medical supplies, the report showed.

A 20 per cent increase in patient volume was reported by Charles I. Gustafson, administrator. The increase primarily was due to completion of the expansion program which enables treatment of nearly twice as many patients as when the building was originally constructed in 1958, he stated.

The average length of stay is 5.2 days and the average patient's bill for the stay is \$231, the total bill increased \$10.80 over 1962, a 4.9 per cent increase, the administrator explained.

Factors for Increase

The increase, he said, is due to many factors. New services have been added, increases have been made in labor costs;

insurance costs have increased and charity care has been increased which must be absorbed by the private paying patient, Gustafson said.

More than \$3 a day is presently added to the private patient's bill for charity care, he explained. "It means in the future to relieve this burden we must seek ways to spread this cost to all citizens in the community. Our County Court has offered to cooperate with us in solving this problem," the administrator added.

At the present time the State Public Welfare Commission pays approximately 60 per cent of the cost of a welfare recipient. The private, sick patient is put in the position of subsidizing this agency, Gustafson explained.

George Flanagan reported for the building committee; Mrs. Leonard Mayfield, auxiliary; and Dr. M. Donald McGeary, medical staff.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

FROM PHILADELPHIA comes the story of two rival suspender salesmen who were boasting of their products. "Five army mules pulled on either end of a pair of our suspenders," proclaimed one, "and they couldn't make them break."

"Faghh!" scoffed the other. "Yesterday I was rushing to catch a train at Penn Station in New York, and my suspenders got caught in a pillar on the platform. I made my train all right, but when the conductor opened the door in Philadelphia, those darn suspenders of ours snapped me right back to New York."



QUOTABLE:

"There's one thing I must concede to American women: they're prettier than Irish men."—Brendan Behan.

"I was told to pay my income tax with a smile. I did, but they still wanted money."—Bob Hope.

(Describing a very unpopular Broadway theatrical producer): "He creeps into every heart like an embolism."—Dorothy Parker.

"The main effect the movies had on my life was a permanent distortion of my facial features. My mouth is still oddly twisted from attempts to sneer like Humphrey Bogart and my right eyebrow twitches because of muscles that were pulled when I was trying to look at girls the way Clark Gable did."—Sloan Wilson.

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DISCONTINUES SHOW — Comedian Jerry Lewis announced Monday that he and the American Broadcasting Company will discontinue the comic's two-hour weekly television show, effective Dec. 14. In a formal announcement, Lewis' office said: "Despite a firm 40-week commitment, the network has granted Lewis' request to withdraw the show due to extreme differences of opinion regarding its format." (UPI)

Senate Committee Expected to Raise Legal Debt Limit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Finance Committee was expected to vote approval today of House-passed legislation to raise the legal limit of the national debt from \$309 billion to \$315 billion.

But committee Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., said he would vote against the Treasury Department - requested measure. "I was against it before, and I'm against it now," he said.

Budget Director Kermit M. Gordon told the committee Tuesday that even the requested \$315 billion might be too low. Under the bill the higher ceiling would become effective Nov. 20. If it is not enacted by that date present law requires that the debt limit drop to its permanent level of \$285 billion.

This could place the Treasury Department in an embarrassing position because, as of one week ago, its daily statement showed a debt balance of about \$307 billion. It is unlikely that the government's money managers could shave \$22 billion off that figure in two weeks time.

The current request to raise the temporary ceiling on the debt limit is the third from the administration since last May. Even at that, Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon said it would be barely enough for the government to get through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Other congressional news: Medicare: Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman joined the parade of cabinet members testifying on behalf of President Kennedy's medicare program for the aged. The bill, now in the House Ways & Means Committee, would provide hospital and nursing home care for Americans 65 and over. The program would be financed by higher Social Security taxes. In past years the committee has pigeonholed similar legislation.

Credit: Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., was the leadoff witness before the Senate Banking Committee hearing on his proposal to bar the Export-Import Bank from underwriting or guaranteeing short-term loans to Communist nations to finance proposed purchases of U.S. surplus wheat. Mundt originally offered the proposal as an amendment to the foreign aid authorization bill last week but withdrew it after being assured the banking committee would act on the measure by Nov. 25.

Baker: Mrs. Alfred S. Novak, whose late husband was a partner of former Senate official Robert G. (Bobby) Baker in a plush seaside motel, was called as a witness before the Senate Rules Committee investigating Baker's wide-ranging "outside activities." The Senate split wide open Tuesday on whether its members should air their private income — a key issue in the Baker investigation.

Flying Wallendas To Show Pyramid Act for Last Time

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI) — The Flying Wallendas, haunted by a possible "jinx" and memories of death on the high wire, today opened what may be the last performances of their famous "human pyramid."

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Today's performance, for un-

Legion Leader Urges Exploiting Russia Weakness

NEW YORK (UPI) — The national commander of the American Legion said today that the United States cannot sit idly by while the Soviet Union is showing signs of weakness.

Daniel F. Foley told the AFL-CIO convention that the Russians are trying to "buy time" while they try to iron out their internal problems, including agricultural failures.

Foley said recent developments in Russia — including agreement to the limited test ban treaty, wheat purchase and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's contradictory statements about the moon race — indicate that Russia "presently is in no position either to continue nuclear testing or to compete in a race to the moon."

Buy Time

Russia's actions and pronouncements all could be "designed with no purer motives than to buy time for solving internal problems and for renewed aggression when the time is right," he said. "America cannot afford to nap while the Soviet Union administers oxygen to itself."

Foley said he favored a suggestion made recently by Allen Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that the United States move forward, confident of superior power, to a "peaceful confrontation with communism."

Foley said the confrontation should be made in the areas of international trade, relations with newly independent nations and education.

"I shudder to think of the possibilities should the Western world, and America in particular, show any signs of weakness, which the Communists believe they could exploit, and this is why I say that a healthy national economy has significant international implications in this era of cold war."

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Arctic Cold Front Sweeps Two States

By United Press International

An arctic cold front dropped temperatures nearly 30 degrees in three hours today across Idaho and Montana. Cold wave and heavy snow warnings were posted and motorists were ordered to use chains while crossing mountain passes.

The mercury at Billings, in southern Montana, fell from 42 degrees to 14 as the cold front punched southeastward. Cut Bank, in the northern part of the state, reported 5 degrees below zero.

A low pressure center over California, which dumped 2 inches of rain at Point Piedras Blancas, Calif., was expected to move eastward across the mountains today and bring snow, sleet and rain to the plateau states.

Cold wave warnings were in effect for Montana east of the Continental Divide during the day and southern Montana and northern Wyoming tonight.

Much colder temperatures were expected through the Northern Plains, reaching Nebraska and Minnesota by Thursday.

Scattered Flurries

Heavy snow was forecast for western Montana mountains and scattered flurries were expected to accompany the cold snap eastward.

Rain drenched parts of Texas and Mississippi Valley during the night, with Tyler, Tex., re-

Few Job Openings For Negro Workers

PORTLAND (UPI) — E. Shelton Hill, executive director of the Urban League, said Tuesday night that "there are practically no opportunities for the Negro" for on-the-job training in the nation.

Hill spoke to the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Training Directors.

"There is no restriction in the formal training opportunities such as business colleges, beauty colleges, academic colleges and universities," he said. "But there are practically no opportunities for the Negro to be trained on the job and the opportunity for apprenticeships is limited for Negro youth."

RELATIONS MAY SUFFER

LONDON (UPI) — American Marines in Britain, who learned how to play rugby to improve Anglo-American relations, have won 13 out of 15 games with British teams this year.



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