

Medical Treatment For Indigents Eyed By Welfare Group

Medical care of indigents, which was responsible for an outlay of \$18,000 by the Klamath county welfare department last year, was intensively discussed at a conference held Wednesday night under auspices of the county welfare commission. Attending were representatives of the welfare bureau, Red Cross, police department, the hospitals, ambulance services, city administration, veterans group, chamber of commerce and press.

Medical care is provided by the welfare bureau only on the basis of both medical and financial need, and the welfare bureau must determine eligibility before the care is financed through public assistance. It was pointed out that the bureau cannot give assistance to persons with any other resources whatsoever to meet the costs of the care.

After studying the law covering these points, the group agreed that the most serious problem has to do with emergency cases, requiring care before there is time to determine the eligibility of the patient for public assistance.

Emergency Cases
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The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press

The western front: Canadian offensive closed in on Goch, threatened Calcar. German bastions guarding Ruhr; U. S. troops gained in Echemach sector opposite Luxembourg. Americans in Saar flattened German salient east of Sarreguemines.

The Russian front: Konev's forces reported across the Neisse river; Germans said he was 12 miles from Cottbus, bombed communications center, and 57 miles from Berlin; Konev linked forces with Zhukov, threatening German capital from due east.

The Italian front: Americans made new withdrawals in Tyrrhenian coast area.

The Pacific front: About 1500 U. S. carrier-borne planes attacked areas in and around Tokyo as greatest naval fleet ever assembled hunted the Japanese navy only 300 miles from Nipponese shores; two Jima attacked by task force; Superfortresses ranged over Japan; in Philippines, enemy compressed into small pocket in southern part of Manila; Corregidor bombed again, advance made on Bataan.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

JUANITA SHINN
"King of Hearts" was elected last night for the annual Job's Daughters formal King of Hearts dance to be held this year at Reames Country club on March 2.

Bill Wilson was elected unanimously for King, and will be escorted by Pat Benoit, honored queen of the Job's Daughters.

Their escorts will be Bill Abbey and Sharon Willis, Jim Palmer and Lois Cada, Jim Howard and Sally Mueller, and Tom Hopkins and Lynden King. Job's Daughters will act as escorts.

The theme of hearts will be carried through into the decorations. All of the committees will begin work immediately.

Beginning at noon with a pep assembly, the students were placed in the right frame of mind for the pep assembly held right after school.

The Pep Peppers rallied through the auditorium urging the students to yell and make noise. Eighteen of them then walked up onto the stage and displayed lettered cards which read "Be at the game tonight."

Sharon Willis and Betty Cleig danced, and were followed by a band number.

Then Bob McLean, student body president, introduced the basketball team, and in place of the regular team members, nine members of Pep Peppers, dressed in "levis" and K-sweaters came to the platform to represent them.

Barbara King was Jim Palmer's; Effie Botens, Bob Redkey; Lois Cada, Joe Zarissins; Pat Benoit, Larry White; Vivian Dirschl, Dean Mason; Dorothy O'Malley, Bud Behn; Marcelyn Wiggins, Jerry Thorne; June Dickson, Jim Noreen, and Juanita Shinn, "Bus" Bussman.

Short speeches were heard from "Palmer," "Redkey" and "White."

After a little really serious talk concerning game attendance, Bob introduced Coach Cook and "Bus" Bussman (P. S., the real one).

"Dutch" French came to the platform from the audience and commented on the need for team support.

Tom Hopkins was chairman of the assembly.

Tillamook Naval Air Base Has New Skipper

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Commander Thomas M. Whelan, USN, has assumed control of the naval air station here, the second "skipper" since the base was commissioned December 1, 1942. He succeeds Capt. Karl L. Lange.

LOS ANGELES MAN TO SPEAK HERE

A Scandinavian service will be held at the First Covenant church this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the Rev. Gottfried Stone of Los Angeles will speak on the subject, "Evening Memories."

"Our Post-war World in the Light of Bible Prophecy," is his topic for the evening message at 7:45. Several vocal numbers will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lagerwall to the accompaniment of piano, organ, and steel guitar.

The First Covenant church is located at 823 Walnut.

PACIFIC LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE BILLS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Senate measures introduced today included:

Cordon (R-Ore.), to provide free postage privileges to patients in veterans' hospitals.

Magnuson (D-Wash.) to permit eastern Washington landowners whose property has been taken for war purposes to secure an appraisal of the property by the federal district court.

Magnuson (D-Wash.), to establish a system of seniority for advancement of civilian mechanics in naval yards; to provide for payment up to \$25 a day for counsel appointed by federal courts in criminal matters; to permit the investment in U. S. savings bonds of pay and allowances held for prisoners of war and others absent from their posts of duty; to permit the bureau of marine inspection to register foreign built scows for operation in U. S. waters; to establish the international highway commission to study plans for constructing and financing a coastal highway from the northwest to Alaska.

WESTBROOK PEGLER SUED BY PEARSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Drew Pearson, Washington columnist and news broadcaster, sued Columnist Westbrook Pegler for \$25,000 in a libel action filed today in New York county supreme court.

The Bell Syndicate, Inc., distributors of Pearson's "Washington Merry-Go-Round," also asked \$25,000, alleging that Pegler injured Pearson's "name, fame and credit as a news reporter" in a syndicated column January 30.

TO DISCUSS CONTROL
PORTLAND, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Oregon Entomological society, meeting here Saturday, will discuss rat, cockroach and mosquito control, and insect damage in old forest burns.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Word has been received from PFC Donald Hankins, Bonanza, that he is now in Italy after seeing action in France. Hankins enlisted in the army December, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Davis N. C., and was stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md., prior to going to England and France. Friends may write to Hankins at this address: PFC Donald Hankins 39323333, Co. L, 349th Inf., APO No. 88, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Hankins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hankins of Bonanza who have another son, Wesley, stationed in Italy with the army air force.

MEN COMMISSIONED
Men from 44 states received their silver wings as aerial navigators of the army air forces recently at the AAF navigation school at San Marcos army air field in Texas. Oregon men receiving their commissions as second lieutenants, or appointments as flight officers were F/O William Steele Burness, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burness of Lakeshore drive, and 2nd Lt. George Ferris Jubber, 19, son of Mrs. Hallie T. Woodward of Grants Pass.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press

1—Eastern front: 32 miles (from Zelin).

2—Western front: 296 miles (from west bank of Rhine at Emmerich).

3—Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

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Unemployment May Boomerang, Belief

PORTLAND, Feb. 16 (AP)—Unemployment will boomerang after a few years of postwar job plenty unless city, state, and federal governments abandon

jealousy, a Harvard political economy professor said here.

"When the problems come the cities will find they cannot manage them alone," declared Dr. Alvin H. Hansen. "If they join now in a coordinated federal, state, and municipal program, we can achieve a high degree of employment stability."

Housing, public education, public health offer the greatest chance for full postwar employment, he said, proposing a year slump-clearance program. Attacking the country's million slums, "in a bold move would put all of America's work," Hansen stated.

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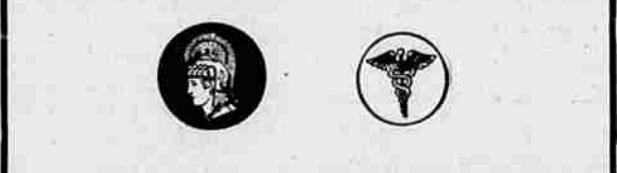


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