

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Editor's Note—This is the fourth in a series of articles discussing the need for a community hospital.

By BILL DECKER

The subject of federal aid in the construction of a new hospital is a complex matter. This writer has found that reactions are strong, either pro or con, among those experienced in the field. First let us look at the subject objectively.

In 1946 the need for new hospitals in almost every section of the United States caused Congress to pass the Hospital Survey and Construction Act. This act has become known since by the names of its authors and is usually referred to as the Hill - Burton Act. The law calls for an annual appropriation to be distributed among the states for the purpose of aiding in the improvement of hospital facilities. In 1954 the program was enlarged to permit federal assistance in the construction of other types of facilities pertaining to health. Annual appropriations since the passage of the act have varied from 68 million dollars to 150 million dollars. To be eligible the facility must fill a community need and be sponsored either by a non-profit organization or by a city, county or state. The projects may be completely new construction or the remodeling or enlarging of existing facilities.

Here in Oregon, as in most other states, the Hill-Burton funds are administered by state board of health. In a law enacted in the 1955 Legislative Assembly the board was directed to survey the state's existing health and hospital facilities and to determine the relative need for new projects. This has been done and the report has been published as "The Oregon State Plan for the Construction of Hospitals, Public Health Centers and Medical Facilities."

In further action the board fixed 1955 as the federal participation for all hospital construction. They established June 30 as the final date for filing for grants to be made in the ensuing year.

Church Reveals New Mission

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The National Commission on Evangelism of the newly formed United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. says "The church's ministry in evangelism must be as far reaching as the interest and concern of Christ himself."

In a resolution submitted to the new church's assembly, the commission said: "The church must go to all men everywhere. It dares never become self-centered, complacent, self-satisfied."

The commission recommended that seminaries seriously consider their responsibility in training ministers for evangelism. The commission also recommended adoption of a long-range national evangelistic movement.

According to the survey Klamath Falls would be the logical location for a central hospital to serve Klamath County. The existing hospital facilities here, while they are slightly under what the board feels are necessary in relation to our population, are classified as "replaceable." In their report there are three classifications of facilities: "Suitable," "replaceable" and "unsuitable." Since our facilities are termed "replaceable" Klamath County's priority for the receipt of available Hill-Burton funds is relatively low.

Harry E. Palmer, director of hospital planning and construction for the Oregon State Board of Health, reported to this writer in a letter last December:

"It is possible, however, for these beds to be reclassified 'unsuitable.' Some communities with 'replaceable' beds have desired to build a more modern facility incorporating the very latest design, services and maximum fire protection and safety features to replace their present hospital. In this case it is possible to reclassify the 'replaceable' beds to 'unsuitable.' In some instances adoption of new standards within the state require reclassification to 'unsuitable.' This changes the priority and makes it possible in many instances to receive Hill-Burton fund assistance. This, of course, is done only after the most careful study."



Two Men Rescue Mother, 2 Sons

GRAFTON, Ill. (AP)—What began as a peaceful day of boating on the Mississippi River turned into a harrowing three hours of captivity in a capsized boat for a mother and two of her sons yesterday.

Mrs. Marcus C. Bauer, 37, Ronald, 15, and Michael, 10, were trapped in the cabin of the 32-foot cruiser, overturned by a gust of wind. They kept above water by clinging to the cabin walls.

RELUCTANT

MONTREAL (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Chuvahin visited the Montreal International Trade Fair and was asked to pose for a picture beside a model of the first U. S. earth satellite. He agreed, but reluctantly, and gave this explanation: "I don't like those things. Take a photo of some pretty girls instead."

They were saved by two men who swam to the boat, cut a hole in the bottom and pulled them to safety.

Mrs. Bauer's husband and another son Mark, 16, were outside the cabin when the storm struck. They swam to shore and summoned help.

U.S. Diplomacy Faces Test As De Gaulle Leads France

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI)—No survivors of the World War II scene in Washington, D.C., will doubt for a moment that U.S. diplomacy will face its most delicate test that Gen. Charles de Gaulle is head man of France.

The French have a word for him. Formidable! That was De Gaulle. Vain, touchy, egotistical, stubborn and proud were other words applied to the great Free French-

man in the chat of the Washington cocktail circuit and in the hush-hush, off-record wartime conferences which the top civilian and military brass were forever having with representatives of the press.

We heard a lot about De Gaulle from such men as Gen. George C. Marshall, Adm. Ernest J. King and from President Roosevelt himself.

"Explosive, handle with care." was the tag they put on the Frenchman.

Marshall and King related sadly that security around De Gaulle headquarters in London was loose as a sieve. Hence Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill ruled against telling De Gaulle in advance about the 1942 invasion of North Africa although it was

French territory which the Allies planned to storm.

Some just called De Gaulle "stuffy" and let it go at that.

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