

### Champ Of French Homeless In Hospital For Overwork

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PARIS (NEA)—This man, the doctor said gravely, has reached the end of his tether; and even as Abbe needs proper meals and enough sleep. We may have to operate again.

By the doctor's words, it was beginning to look as though Abbe Pierre would have to abandon his crusade—just to stay alive.

But the project he started four years ago, which galvanized Parisians into one of the greatest mass movements of modern times, is now so well organized that the old man can be spared all the time he needs to recuperate.

Four years ago, the Abbe Pierre was an obscure priest with a mission: the crusade of the homeless. At 58, he left his seat in the Assembly to "hound those whose comfortable and happy lives make them oblivious to fellowmen weighed down by distress."

It had been a severe winter and the Abbe had decided that authorities could no longer shrug off the problem of the homeless. Seventeen were dead in the icy Paris streets and a baby had died of cold in an old railroad car in the outskirts of town.

Within 48 hours the Abbe's insurrection of charity brought an army of volunteers on this crusade of the down-and-outs, they helped to feed and shelter the homeless, collect clothes and emergency goods.

They cut through red tape as a horde of homeless started trekking to Paris and the Abbe Pi-

erre. Many worked around the clock, giving up their winter vacation. The Abbe needed 4,000 blankets. In two days he got 20,000.

When the crisis was over, his cause had received \$1,500,000 in cash. Women sent pieces of jewelry from diamond necklaces to treasured gold lockets. One hundred tons of foodstuffs, and furniture and gifts poured in. The city fathers had to hand over a derelict railway terminus for storing.

The following winter, thanks to Abbe Pierre's initiative, the authorities had everything in readiness for a cold spell. Three heated subway stations were opened to those who had no roof. They were given blankets and pallets. And in the morning each received a bowl of soup and a cup of coffee.

Now there are about 10 shelters, each providing accommodation for 200 people around Paris. There are another two run by the Salvation Army, one by the Red Cross and another at the Abbe's headquarters in the vicinities of the Central Markets.

The Abbe's "Companions of Emmaus," a ragpickers' community, has now grown too — until now there are an even dozen.

The ragpickers devote their receipts to housing projects, keeping less than a dollar each week for spending money. In every town, city or village where there are homeless people, this foreign legion of charity is there to help.

It groups over 800 members; men who are beyond the margin of society, hoboes, convicts, maladjusted citizens and saints. In addition, there is a women's "Companions of Emmaus" who have founded a workshop for turning out mattresses and wickerwork. "Emmaus" has found homes for 10,000 families—some of whom will eventually be able to own them.

Now, however, the Abbe is sick — the reward of overwork — and there are rumors that he may

leave his crusade.

"Nothing could be further from the Abbe's mind," according to Roger Dauphin, one of the priest's close associates.

Dauphin is the editor of "Hunger and Thirst," the crusade's bi-monthly magazine with a circulation of more than 250,000.

Meanwhile, Abbe Pierre is in a luxury clinic, his expenses paid by a group of Swiss admirers, where he cannot shake the image of the millions of homeless and starving around the world.

"Only death," he said, "can separate me from my comrades of misfortune."



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### School Budget Information

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of informative articles dealing with the Klamath Union High School and the forthcoming proposed budget which will be voted on July 7. The material is presented as a public service by members of the KUHS School Board and budget committee.

What does the six per cent limitation mean as related to the high school?

It does not mean six per cent over last year's budget!

The Klamath Union High School District does not have a tax base. The budget for the high school has always been submitted to the voters for approval at a special election. Until, if the voters so desire, a reasonable tax base is established at a special election, the high school has no tax base and cannot operate as a practical matter either outside of or within the tax base plus six per cent without a special election.

That is, the proposed budget for the 1958-59 operation of the KUHS District is \$778,000. Of that amount, \$538,818 is raised by local levy and is, in effect, the amount in excess of the six per cent limitation due to the fact that the district has never had a tax base.

Therefore, it is important to the voters to know that the budget cannot be effected without passage of the amount beyond the six per cent limitation, or vice versa. If the budget were passed and the tax levy were disapproved, it would be defeating the budget because the tax levy represents the greater portion of the budget.

By the same token, if the budget were turned down, but the tax levy approved, the approved tax levy monies could not be spent because there would be no approved budget for expenditures.

Because of this joint tax and budget structure, both the tax levy and the budget have to be approved if the budget is to be put into effect.

Although the proposed high school budget for the forthcoming year reflects a \$30,168 increase when compared with the budget for the just ended school year, the actual levy required will be less. The proposed levy of \$538,818 is \$222 less than the levy for the now ending year.

### Scouts, Dads Hold Camp-Out

MALIN — The Malin Cub Scouts held their annual father-son campout at Lake of the Woods the weekend of June 21. Scoutmaster for the group is Bob Victorin with Sherman Kalina as den chief.

The Cub Scouts attending were Dale Petrasek, Bruce Bauer, Douglas Holman, Jerry George, Leroy George, Terry Parker, Bruce Cutright, Bruce Victorin, Leonard Hampton, Neil Kniskern, David Lindsay, Jim Fallmeier, Tom Fallmeier, Richie Takacs, Steven Payzr, Paul Rogers, Phil Petrasek, Bob Bauer and John Gentry.

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