



DR. MARK TALNEY, Portland, right, executive director of the Oregon Council of Churches, was present in Klamath Falls recently to meet with ministers and general members of the several churches affiliated with the council at a meeting in the Congregational Church. Center is the Rev. M. A. McKinney, Congregational pastor, left, is Ross Ragland, president of the council.

Termination, Labor Needs Are Examined

The problems of the migrant laborer, both from the standpoint of those employing transients for seasonal harvest work and from the worker's viewpoint, and the probable consequences of the Indian Termination Law upon the community and upon tribal members were discussed here by church authorities.

Present for the meeting with ministers and others affiliated with the Klamath County Oregon Council of Churches was Dr. Mark Talney, Portland, executive director of the council and member of the Governor's Committee on Indian Affairs.

During the meeting church leaders heard reports on the interim committee by Tom Lawson McCall, committee executive secretary, and by Earle Wilcox, head of the new Indian timber sales office. The talks were followed by panel discussions on Indian community relationships covering health, welfare, education, law and order.

Dr. Talney also was present for a conference in Salem on January 20 aimed at obtaining legislative action on Oregon's Indian problems. Legislators, state officials, Indian representatives and church leaders were present for the state meeting.

Sara Hall Goodwin, experienced in working with migrants, will be in charge of the Oregon Council of Churches migrant program here next fall.

2 Ice Gorges Keep 2,000 Out Of Homes

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP)—More than 2,000 men, women and children were homeless Saturday in this flooded city of 25,000.

Two big ice gorges in French Creek to the south held fast and backed up water over an estimated 10 per cent of the community.

Meanwhile, other flooded towns in western Pennsylvania began cleaning up as high waters subsided.

The ice-choked Allegheny River fell below flood stage. So did the Ohio River, formed at Pittsburgh by merger of the Allegheny and the Monongahela River.

Communities along the Shenango River, including hard-hit Sharon and New Castle, breathed easier as the swollen stream returned to its banks.

Some cheering news came with President Eisenhower's designation of flooded western Pennsylvania sections as major disaster areas, eligible for federal relief funds.

French Creek was falling very slowly at Meadville as the impounded water worked its way around the ice jams.

But this did little to ease the situation as the stream stood at nearly 62 feet compared with flood stage of 57.3 feet. The creek rose Friday to the highest level in history, 62.5 feet.

An attempt was made to dynamite the lower ice gorge at Cochran, about nine miles downstream, but it was ineffectual. This jam is a mile long. The other begins just below Meadville and extends two miles.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

DUNSMUIR — Gardenias in unusual arrangements simulating the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl graced the tables of the annual president's luncheon of the Lutheran Ladies Aid. The event was held on the afternoon of January 21 at the social hall of the First Lutheran Church with Mrs. Nellie King, Ladies Aid president, as hostess. The program of the afternoon was a review of the year's activities and discussion of plans for the coming year. An inspirational talk was given by Pastor Martin Schabacker. The next Ladies Aid meeting will be February 4.



JUDSON ALLEN
—Photo by Peggy Walsh

Nonagenarian Remembers Hiding Mules In Civil War

By PEGGY WALSH

DUNSMUIR—Although he gave up manual labor at 90, Judson Allen of Dunsmuir still likes "to get out and see the world go by."

His son-in-law, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDermott, gave a party for him last Sunday night in celebration of his 97th birthday. Allen was pleased to find some of the guests were Southerners familiar with his native North Carolina.

Until the last few years, he made periodic trips back to Sylva, North Carolina, where he was born January 13, 1862. After marrying Emma Curtis, a school teacher, he came west in 1908 with a party of 34 families planning to settle in the Northwest. They traveled by chartered tourist sleeper.

Allen settled near Cottage Grove, Oregon, where he farmed until he was 70. "Then we moved into town," he said, "and I worked nearly as hard growing vegetables and taking care of fruit trees."

His wife died in 1946 and he now divides his time among his

children, spending the winters in California and the summers in Oregon. In addition to Mrs. McDermott, a daughter, Mrs. Terry Moody, lives in Redmond, Oregon; a son, Don Allen, lives in Cottage Grove; and another son, Hubert Allen, lives in Palo Alto. He has nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Allen remembers soldiers attempting to confiscate his father's mules during the Civil War. But his father hid the mules and "I hid out too," he relates, explaining he was an impressionable tot at the time.

Mrs. McDermott says her father has more pep than she does. He attributes his longevity to healthful living and an outdoor life. Still liking to walk, he goes up town every day over a mile. He climbed Mt. Hood at 73 but isn't planning any more such excursions.

He reads the newspapers with the help of an illuminated magnifying glass but except for slight impairments in sight and hearing he feels alert and healthy. He takes great pride in his personal appearance, putting on his suit coat before having his picture taken.

Party guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Slade, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClintock, Albert McHenry, Mrs. Sadie Jelley, Rex Baymiller, Mr. and Mrs. McDermott and the party honoree, Mrs. McDermott and her sister have recently returned from a trip to Virginia and North Carolina and showed pictures of their trip.

Bridge Collapse Isolates Families

WALDPOR, Ore. (AP)—Four families were stranded temporarily when a long logging bridge collapsed and dropped into the Alsea River about 13 miles upstream from this coastal town Friday.

Police said they were plying back and forth across the river in boats after the 300-foot-long bridge collapsed. It was built in 1950 by Barkley and Nobel Logging Co.

Everett Barkley, an owner of the firm, said cables anchoring the bridge apparently pulled out of the ground at the south end of the span.

Barkley did not say whether the bridge would be rebuilt or if its loss would hamper logging operations.

COLDS TAKE TOLL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The common cold and other respiratory ailments accounted for more than half of 438-million acute illnesses in the United States during the year ended last June 30.

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Conger Parents Oppose Proposed Teacher Cut

General principles and special cases were subjects for discussion Thursday afternoon at Conger School, when some 30 Conger parents met with the members of the board of School District 1 and with administrators of the Klamath Falls schools.

The meeting had been called by the board to discuss with parents a proposed reduction in teaching personnel at the school. Approximately 80 parents at the school had signed a petition, presented to J. C. Renie, chairman of the board, at this meeting, asking that the teaching staff at the school remain for the balance of the school year what it was at the beginning.

The meeting served two purposes. It enabled school administrators to explain to the parents their reasons for seeking to reduce the Conger staff by one teacher. It also allowed the board members to learn the parents' arguments against the action.

The shift contemplated would abolish one combination class, consisting of 11 first graders and eight second graders, who would be transferred to existing classes in their respective grades, which would thereby grow to 31 pupils each. The fourth grade, which currently consists of 19 pupils in one class and 18 in another, would give up one of its teachers to assist in the second grade during approximately one-third of an school day, during which time the two classes would meet as one.

The transfer of the teacher in question was defended by Superintendent of Schools Arnold L. Gralapp. He explained that the school board has established a system-wide norm of 25 pupils per class during the first three grades, and of 28 to 30 for grade four and above. He declared that the classes in question were now down to an average that could not be maintained system-wide.

Gralapp said that the proposed changes would still provide the

children with excellent educational facilities, and one of the best school-wide averages of pupils per class in the city. He said it was incumbent upon him to carry these changes out in order to maintain school board policy, and said that the low per-class average had been tolerated at Conger during the early part of the school year only because the school had a history of growing during a school year and because many of this year's fourth graders had three years of "combination" classes behind them.

It was a combination of such special circumstances, which in their view added up to putting these pupils in the category of "special cases," that the parents referred to in presenting their argument to the board. They cited particularly the fact that a history of split classes, teachers' illnesses and the normal progress from teacher to teacher had brought the second graders to the point of having six teachers in a year and a half. In addition, the present construction of the west-side bypass, near the school, was creating a great deal of noise this year which made large classes inadvisable.

Some of the parents cited the fact that Gralapp had said that \$15,000 of the sum budgeted for teachers' salaries this year remains unallocated as an argument for retaining the services of an extra teacher. However, Gralapp said that it was up to him to apply the board's standards, whether he had money on hand to do otherwise or not. He said that the appropriation of money is not a mandate to spend it, and added that he was in favor of economizing where it was possible to do so without lowering standards.

J. C. Renie, chairman of the school board, promised that his group would consider the petition, in the light of the arguments presented, at its regular meeting Monday night.

New Operating Technique Saves Life Of 11-Year-Old

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—When 11-year-old Roger Stepp leaves a hospital here soon he will walk down the front steps unaided and won't gasp for breath.

Until recently doctors didn't expect him to live much longer. Just about any kind of exercise was out of the question.

A new operating technique that gives hope for all types of "blue babies" made the difference. Blue babies are so-called because the lack of sufficient oxygen in their blood, caused by congenital heart defects, gives a distinct bluish cast to their complexion.

Now Roger's heart is hooked up to only one set of blood vessels instead of two. The blood in his veins—instead of passing through the right side of his heart—goes direct to his lungs for purifying and picking up fresh oxygen. From the lungs it goes to the left side of his heart and is pumped through the arteries to the rest of the body.

The method was used for the first time here—and one of the first times anywhere—after five years of research at Memorial Hospital.

The operation was performed two weeks ago by a group of surgeons headed by Dr. Paul Sanger and including Drs. Frederick H. Taylor and Francis Robicsek.

Since his birth Roger had suffered from a heart condition doctors thought could not be remedied by surgery. There were two holes in the right chambers of his heart, hindering its action, that can be remedied by a heart operation. But Roger also had a rare condition that caused the blood in the right side of his heart to flow in the wrong direction. It did not receive enough oxygen. This could not be corrected by heart surgery.

The solution, the doctors found by experiments with animals, was to bypass the heart and operate on the veins—detach them from the right chambers of the heart and route them directly to the lungs. Blood pressure in the veins is sufficient to push the blood through without help from the heart.

Roger used to have trouble just breathing. Now doctors say he'll put some weight on his spindly frame and eventually will lead a nearly normal life.

DUTIES DISCUSSED

DUNSMUIR — Duties of Christians in their daily associations were discussed by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League members at their January meeting at the home of Mrs. F. T. King, Mrs. L. D. Asher presented the topic "To Witness in the World." Mrs. Neil Kluckman shared the hostess duties and also gave the scripture reading. Mrs. King presented the thought for the day. Mrs. Marvin Cartwright will hold the next Missionary League meeting at her home on the evening of February 2.

DOG REFORM SCHOOL

LONDON (UPI)—Bad dogs will go to reform school instead of being put to death under a plan to be presented to Parliament. The League of Canine Defense wants to lock up delinquent dogs and train them on the right track. Bad owners, it said, should be banned from keeping dogs for life.



MRS. EMMA DOW

50 Years Ago Arrival Here Ended By Boat

A 91st birthday anniversary is just around the corner for Mrs. Emma Dow who was born on January 29, 1868, in Sacramento and came to the Klamath country 50 years ago when the railroad ended at Teeter's Landing and travelers finished the trip by boat up the Klamath River.

Members of her family will gather today for a birthday dinner in her honor at her home on the Keno Highway. Her husband, the late H. P. Dow was a contractor and carpenter. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Dow was the mother of three children, two sons, Howard Dow and George Dow of Klamath Falls, and a daughter, Perle who died in 1936. She is grandmother to four grandsons, Bob and George of Klamath Falls, Jack of Eugene and Major H. Burton Dow, U.S. Army of Denver; great-grandmother of Dorothy Diane, Klamath Falls, David and Larry, in Denver.

U.S. Will Try Ballet Method

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, aiming at a quick impact, is going to try to dazzle the Russians next summer with frozen foods, hi-fi, TV sets and ballet.

These are a few of the items this country plans to display at its scientific, cultural and technological exhibition in Moscow.

President Eisenhower warmly endorsed the exhibition plans Friday and said the \$3,600,000 fair will be about the best investment the United States has made in a long time.

Eisenhower told government and business leaders who make up the advisory committee for the exhibition that it will show America as a nation desiring peace.

The United States has contracted for the construction of two big display halls in Moscow's Sokolniki Park to house the six-week exhibition, tentatively scheduled to open July 4.

Authorities Quiz Dope Suspect

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Hong Kong police have arrested Wong Mon as a suspect for questioning about a multi-million dollar dope smuggling ring, federal narcotics agents said Friday.

George White, district supervisor of the narcotics bureau, said Wong went to Portland in 1951 to make contacts for selling heroin smuggled into the United States.

Wong was named as a conspirator in a dope ring smashed last week with the indictments of three Chinese Americans by a San Francisco federal grand jury. One of the defendants, Fred Moe, 45, was killed Thursday night in an automobile crash in Portland.

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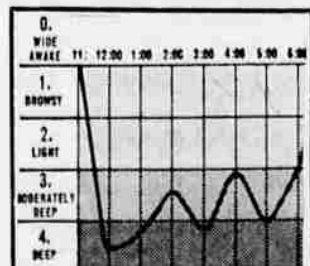
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