

Malpractice Case Denied

SALEM (AP) — A Multnomah County circuit court ruling that denied a malpractice verdict in a suit by a woman who lost an arm was affirmed Tuesday by the Oregon Supreme Court.

The suit was filed and the verdict appealed by Mrs. Dorothy O. Eckleberry, 43, against Kaiser Foundation Northern Hospitals.

A jury in the court of Circuit Judge Paul R. Harris awarded her a \$30,000 judgment against the hospital but cleared the doctor.

The circuit court, notwithstanding the jury verdict, ruled in favor of the hospital and the doctor. The Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice William Perry, affirmed this.

Mrs. Eckleberry fractured her right arm while picking cherries and entered the Kaiser Hospital in Vancouver, Wash., for treatment, she said.

Mrs. Eckleberry said a day after a cast was put on her arm she complained of extreme pressure and pain. She said the cast was split and gangrene discovered and the arm later amputated four inches below the shoulder.

The Supreme Court said the trial court was right in instructing the jury to judge the doctor's acts on the basis of care, skill and diligence that other physicians would have exercised.

The court said because the jury said the doctor was not negligent and no other employees were negligent then it could not hold the hospital negligent either.

Snow Pack Measured

LAKEVIEW—Snow conditions in general have not improved as much as might be expected because of the recent storms, the mid-February snow survey, measurements of the Quartz Mountain snow courses indicate.

Everett Shults and Duane Crane, local technicians for the Soil Conservation Service, made the survey.

Snow depth on Quartz Prairie averages 7.4 inches with 2.3 inches of water content. This compares with measurements of one year ago on the same date of 20 inches of average depth with 6.8 inches of water content.

At the Quartz Mountain summit course, the average snow depth was 10 inches with three inches of water content compared to 22.8 inch depth and 6.9 inches of water content one year ago.

Brandt Heads 4-H Leaders

Arnold Brandt of Henley was elected president of the Klamath County 4-H Club Leaders Association during a meeting this week.

Other officers are Earl Wilson, Malin, first vice president; John Heyden, Klamath Falls, second vice president; Mrs. Gray Brannon, Klamath Falls, secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Stearns, Malin, reporter and historian.

Shirley Frakes of Bend, an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate, spoke to the group of her experiences during the six and one-half months she spent living with Swedish and Lapp families. She returned recently and is a junior majoring in home economics at Oregon State College.

Grange News

FORT ROCK — Many prizes were awarded for a wide variety of costumes at the Fort Rock Grange had taste party held Saturday, Feb. 18.

White elephant prizes for one game included a live rooster won by Christine Kimssey.

One money raising event netted \$15. Mrs. Richard Morehouse, home economics chairman, and Mrs. Owen Pitcher, lecturer, were in charge of party planning.

Portland Asks Gas Tax Share

SALEM (AP) — A group of Portland witnesses asked the legislature to give the city of Portland its fair share of state gasoline taxes at a House Highway Committee hearing Tuesday.

Carl Wendt, transportation engineer for Portland, said the present distribution of the cities' share of these gas taxes discriminates against Portland.

He said while all other cities in the state get an equal share for each person in the city Portland gets to count only two-thirds of its people.

Wendt led some 10 witnesses in favor of a bill that would allow Portland to count its full population in getting gas money.

