

Malheur County Given \$6,000 To Aid Polio Victims

Malheur County has received a \$6,000 check from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to pay for medical care and hospitalization of 25 persons stricken with infantile paralysis in 1947. Felix A. Montes, state representative of the national organization announced in Portland. The average cost of a polio case today is estimated at \$2,000.

Judge Robert D. Lytle, Malheur County, Chapter chairman, requested the aid after chapter funds from last year's March of Dimes were exhausted. One half of the money collected in the annual polio fund drive in January is allotted to the National Foundation for research, education and the epidemic aid fund.

Since 20 cases of polio per 100,000 population is considered an epidemic, Malheur County experienced a severe outbreak in 1947, with 25 paralytic cases for a population of about 20,000.

Judge Lytle estimated the \$6,000 would be needed to pay for treatment of polio patients in the next 60 days, after which the 1948 March of Dimes contribution will be available.

Stassen's Speaking Dates in Oregon Listed

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen's February visit to Oregon to address the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Association at Eugene Feb. 20 will include several appearances and talks.

Robert A. Elliott, Portland, supporter of Stassen's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said the former Minnesota governor would speak at Willamette University before going to Eugene via Stayton, Scio, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Brownsville. The next day Stassen is tentatively scheduled to speak at a noon meeting at Bend and an evening meeting at MacArthur Court, Eugene. He will spend Feb. 22 in Portland but make no formal public appearances, then go to Corvallis for a talk Feb. 23, Elliott said.

Yugoslav Planes Salute Departing American Dead

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Yugoslav fighter planes dived in salute, and a military band played a funeral dirge yesterday in tribute to 700 American fliers whose bodies were started toward home.

Their graves had been found during a two and a half years' search by a U. S. graves registration unit. The fliers fell while bombing the German and Italian occupation forces. Their coffins will be placed on a ship in Italy.



LEGION OFFICIALS GATHER—High-ranking officers of the American Legion gathered in Roseburg for a district meeting last Friday. Left to right, above, are A. H. Mendenhall, district commander; Jack Maris, department commander; Jack Larsen (his face hidden), area commander; Tom Collins, department adjutant; Eugene A. Springer, district vice commander; Mrs. Ruth Coyner, Auxiliary department president; B. F. "Kelly" Owens, department vice commander; Mrs. Wilda Thorn, Auxiliary department vice president.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Congressman, 4th Oregon District

The early days of this second session of the 80th Congress have been uneventful. Hearings have been started on the Marshall plan bills. The appropriations committee is at work on several regular appropriation bills—some of the minor ones may be reported to the House shortly. Other major controversial bills including military training and tax reduction may be brought to the floor at any time.

Although each term of Congress is divided into two regular sessions, the break between the sessions does not alter the progress of previously introduced legislation. In other words, the progress of a bill introduced early last year continues just as if no break between sessions had occurred.

A term of Congress runs for two years. All of the members of the House of Representatives and one-third of the members of the Senate are elected in November of each even-numbered year—1944, 1946, 1948, etc. After each general election, a new term of Congress begins. No legislation carries over from one Congress to another. All legislation previously pending must be re-introduced if congressional action is still sought. The present term of Congress is designated as the

80th Congress. On January third next year, the 81st Congress will convene.

Fourth Term Sought
Although I have made no formal announcement of the fact, it seems to be taken for granted in my district that I will be a candidate for re-election—and that is correct. I hope I may have the honor of serving the Fourth Congressional District of Oregon as its representative in the 81st Congress. My formal filing will be sent to the secretary of state in the near future.

The two year term served by congressmen is a short time. In Oregon, we have only fifteen months between the general election and the time for filing in the next primary election. The shortness of the term of House members (as compared with the six year term for senators) has its disadvantages, especially to the members, but it gives the people an opportunity to completely change the House of Representatives every two years—which means a Congress more responsive to current thinking.

Tax Cut Plans
Except for his proposal for tax reduction, the "State of the Union" speech made by President Truman to the opening of this session was quite similar to his

other recent messages to Congress. The "Forty dollars for everybody" reduction he proposed may have its advantages as political thunder, but is not taken very seriously here on the Hill. Under the president's plan, single taxpayers earning between \$1200 and \$2000 per year would pay a much higher tax than they would have paid under the 30 per cent reduction provided in the bill which the president vetoed. On the other hand, under the Truman plan, the head of an average family of four would pay no tax at all until his income rose above \$3000.

In spite of propaganda statements to the contrary, the 30 per cent reduction we passed and which was vetoed by the president is as good as a better relief for the small and medium income taxpayers than the forty dollars for everybody plan.

Power Usurpation
One short paragraph in the president's message seems worthy of special note in view of what it seems to imply. He said: "I trust that within the shortest possible time the Congress will make available TO THE GOVERNMENT (the emphasis is mine) the weapons that are so desperately needed in the fight against inflation."

Does that mean that he and his new deal advisers no longer look upon the Congress as a part of our government? How far have we traveled away from our true representative form of government since 1932?

Improved Farm Conservation In Douglas Expected

Probably not as much over-all conservation, but a greater concentration on most needed practices is what J. P. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Conservation Committee, predicts under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program. Disclaiming any gifts of prophecy, the county chairman said he bases his prediction on what he knows about farming and farmers and about the 1948 program. In the first place, he explains, with the reduced assistance which can be offered, many farmers will not be in a position to carry out as much and as many conservation practices. The \$500 limit on the amount of assistance to any one person may have some effect in reducing the amount of conservation, but he points out that in the past comparatively few farmers received more than this amount in aid.

The main reason we can expect even better conservation work, the chairman states, is that practices have been improving each year. The program has been developing toward more adaptability to local needs, and as farmers understand conservation better, they are doing a better job. More and more farmers are sensing their responsibility as custodians of the nation's soil and what they are expected to do in return for the assistance they receive to help them carry out these needed conservation practices. Improved machinery and better equipment are making it possible for farmers to do a better job of constructing drainage ditches, diversion ditches and similar practice. Better machinery is available for the spreading of lime and phosphate, and improved strains of grasses and legumes will make for greener and more productive meadows and pastures. What we expect to be done and what ought to be done still will be a long way apart, Mr. Bonebrake said. We have made progress, but it has hardly been enough to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for more food. We still are losing ground faster than we can afford if we expect to continue to meet the needs of the nation.

Dixie Governor Warns Democrats

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Gov. Fielding L. Wright yesterday called on Southern Democrats to secede from the national party unless its leadership ceases to sponsor "anti-Southern legislation."

Wright made the call in his inaugural address as he began a four-year term to which he was elected last November. He has been governor for the past 14 months, having advanced from lieutenant governor on the death of the late Gov. Thomas L. Bailey.

"I would regret to see the day come when Mississippi or the South should break with the Democratic party in a national election. But vital principles and eternal truths transcend party lines, and the day is now at hand when determined action must be taken," Wright said.

"We have always remained true to the traditions of our party," he said, "and will continue to do so, but when the national leaders attempt to change those principles for which the party stands, we intend to fight for their preservation with all means at our hands."

"We must make our national leaders fully realize we mean precisely what we say, and we must, if necessary, implement our words with positive action. We warn them now to take heed."

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN—The American Legion and Auxiliary District No. 10 conference, held in Roseburg last Friday, was attended by Mrs. Vesta Thomas, Mrs. Maude Murphy, Mrs. Velma Bratton, Mrs. Helen Curry, Mrs. Wilbur Payne, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gerrard and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Botticchio. In the evening Paul Athey, David Egan and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Botticchio attended the banquet.

Mr. Heyman of the Riverside Gardens of Albany, Ore., was a business visitor in Sutherland Monday.

James Mahoney, who has been confined to the Roseburg Sanatorium for the past month, has improved enough so that he returned to his home in Sutherland Saturday.

Mrs. Juanita Atterbury was confined to her home for several days this week by illness.

John Cook, who has been ill at his home is reported to be "better."

Mrs. Thelma Brunello of Boise, Ida., a former resident of Sutherland, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chenoweth.

Mrs. May Cunningham of Eugene, who was bookkeeper for L. & H. Lumber company of this city last summer, spent Monday night as a house guest of Miss Betty Musgrave.

The next Grange meeting, to be held on Jan. 28, will be held in the New Grange hall, one mile west of town, on Highway 225.

Friday evening, Jan. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bralinger and daughter, Miss Barbara, spent a very enjoyable evening visiting the Riverside grange.

Those who helped work on the grange hall last Saturday were: Art Sheets, Jim Sheets, George Cornish, Lloyd Cornish, Leighton Cornish and Clyde Henderson, so that meetings will be able to be held there.



NEW SERVICE STATION DEDICATED—This was the scene recently, at the dedication of the new Standard Station at 645 S. Stephens St. Left to right are R. B. Wordehoff, assistant manager of the station; W. R. Beckley, Medford, instructor for Standard Stations, Inc.; W. W. Dockins, Medford, superintendent, Standard Stations, Inc.; Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Albert G. Flegel, cutting the ribbon; W. C. Holmes, Roseburg, Standard Oil Co. branch manager; Harold Pugh, manager of the new station, and O. R. Krebt, assistant division manager, Portland.

County Court Members Attend Unit Hearing

Members of the Douglas County Court were in Eugene Wednesday to attend the Mohawk Sustained Yield Unit hearing, the first to consider the establishment of an individual unit within the Sustained Yield Unit. Similar hearings will eventually be held in Roseburg for the Douglas and South Umpqua Master Units.

Thursday the court was to attend the hearing at Coquille of the legislative interim committee studying highway matters.

Ormond R. Bean Out for State Treasurer Post
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ormond R. Bean, Portland, Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner from 1939 to 1943, filed his candidacy today for the Republican nomination for state treasurer. He is the first candidate to file for the office.

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