

### Great Decisions Groups Open To Everyone

Anyone interested in learning more about America's foreign policy will have ample opportunity during the months ahead.

Many Oregon librarians are already gathering books relating to foreign policy topics that will be discussed by the Great Decisions study groups in February and March.

Co-chairman of Oregon's Great Decisions program are Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of Oregon State College extension service, and Dr. Charles Dean, Great Decisions representative for the Institute of International Affairs, general extension division, state system of higher education.

They report that although local discussion groups are just now being formed in each county, librarians are getting ready early in anticipation of requests for material about the eight discussion topics: Communist Timetable for 1960; Divided Europe; Red China on the March; Chances for India's Middle Way; Hope for Stability in the Middle East; Goals for Africa's New Leaders; Cuba's Revolution; and U. S. Global Strategy.

The organization behind

Great Decisions, which has been offered nationally for the past six years, is the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) a 42-year-old national educational agency. Its purpose is to help people understand critical international issues facing the American government and people. FPA is non-partisan, non-governmental and non-profit. It is supported mainly by contributions and foundation grants. The FPA prepares fact sheets for participants.

In Oregon, Great Decisions is co-sponsored by Oregon State College extension service and the general extension division of the state system of higher education in cooperation with the FPA, the state department of education, the state library, and some 25 statewide organizations.

Those who have participated in the program in the past will be more than glad to help other groups organize. For information you can also contact the Clackamas County Extension Office, OL 6-2641, Extension 60.

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### Dimes March Slated Here

Plans for an intensified, county-wide New March of Dimes were announced today by Gordon Tuor, chairman of the Clackamas County Chapter of The National Foundation. The traditional educational and fund-raising campaign is scheduled for the month of January.

Labelling the Clackamas County Chapter, "one of the most dependent have-nots of The National Foundation's 3100 Chapters," Tuor said that since 1938 the March of Dimes has raised in excess of \$249,788 in Clackamas County, of which \$362,045 has been spent for medical care and rehabilitation of the county polio patients.

"To supplement this," he said, "we have had to call on The National Foundation through the years in order that Clackamas County polio patients would not be deprived of necessary aid. This year we again have had to apply for advances to meet our deficits."

Such advances, Tuor said, come from funds forwarded to The National Foundation by the more solvent of the organization's 3100 Chapters. These funds, he said, are used not only for assistance to Chapters but also to fi-

nance The National Foundation's extensive research and professional education programs.

"In short," Tuor said, "not only has Clackamas County been dependent on other counties in Oregon and the nation to assist our own patients, but we have also failed to contribute anything to the type of research which led to the Salk vaccine or funds for the professional education program which, for example, financed Dr. Jonas Salk's training in research."

Explaining that assistance from the solvent Chapters to the "have-nots" was a time-honored practice of The National Foundation, Tuor said, "the Clackamas County Chapter feels, however, that it is time we became more than a drain on the generosity of March of Dimes contributors in other counties and states. We are particularly anxious to play an active role in The National Foundation's expanded program, and to do this a successful March of Dimes in Clackamas County is mandatory."

Calling for volunteers to staff the Mothers' March and other activities of the campaign, Tuor said, "the New March of Dimes is a classic example of people banding together voluntarily to do a job they know must be done. And we have a job to be done

in Clackamas County, not only for the current victims of these crippling, but for their future victims. To sum it up, we need hands and legs to help those who have the use of neither.

Sandy Chairman is Mrs. Harold Edes, and Brightwood chairman is Mrs. Charles Fielding.

### Grade School Activities

At Sanddy grade school, the fifth grade is studying multiplication by two numbers. Their new representative for student council is Diana Lindsey. Mrs. Sulzbach is the teacher.

Mrs. Marily Meyers' eighth grade class has been working on Oregon History scrapbooks which were due Jan. 18. Last week, Jan. 14, Mrs. Meyers was sick and Mrs. Haneberg substituted. Mike Motejl is their new student council representative.

Mr. Charles Lane's eighth grade class is also working on their Oregon History scrapbook. In arithmetic they have been working on income tax forms.

Russell Dobson, a member of this class, stepped on a nail and was out of school for a day.

### Accidental Poisonings Analyzed

by Dr. Richard H. Wilcox  
The Oregon Poison Control Registry has just released an analysis of the 503 cases it handled during the 1959 fiscal year, and the statistics emphasize the dangers inherent in many common household products.

As might be expected, most of these cases resulted from the accidental swallowing by children of dangerous compounds. A total of 251 were children less than three years of age, and 361 were under 10 years of age.

Of the total 451 accidental ingestions handled by the Registry, 24 involved external medicines for humans, 216 internal medicines, 77 household preparations, 16 petroleum distillates, 19 cosmetics, 40 pesticides, 11 plants (such as toadstools), 26 paint products, and 21 miscellaneous compounds.

The largest number of accidental poisonings by a single product was attributed to baby aspirin, with 40 cases. Other aspirins and analgesics accounted for an additional 53 cases. Barbiturate sedatives were close behind with 38 cases, stimulants caused 30, insecticides poisoned 27, cleaning agents 15, lye and other corrosives 13, turpentine 12, and dyes and shoe polishers 12 cases.

The Poison Control Registry is jointly sponsored by the State Medical Society, State Board of Health and the University of Oregon Medical School, and also receives the support of the hospital and pharmaceutical associations. It maintains an around-the-clock consultation service for physicians and hospitals which undoubtedly has helped save many lives since the Registry was founded in 1957.

Oregon had 16 accidental poisoning deaths during the 1959 fiscal year. All of us can help reduce the toll this year by keeping dangerous compounds out of the reach of children, and by reading and following closely the manufacturers' instructions on product containers.

If you suspect an accidental poisoning has occurred, call your physician immediately and follow his directions to the letter. If he asks that you bring the person to his office or a hospital, be sure to bring the container of the suspected product, so that the physician will know what type of treatment is indicated.

### Dedication Scheduled

The Community Presbyterian Church of Sandy will hold dedication of the new organ Sunday evening, January 24, 7 p.m. James Welty, organist of First Presbyterian Church, Portland, will be the guest organist.

Light refreshments will be served by the choir following the services.

### Sandy Area Highlights

The Sandy Pioneer club will meet Sunday, January 31 at noon for a Pot-luck. Free coffee will be served.

Everyone is cordially invited, including pioneers and non-pioneers. At this meeting a committee will be selected to choose a king and queen for the July meeting.

### SOUND

Philip D. Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron W. Rutledge, rt. 2 box 513, Sandy and Arnold L. Riggs, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Riggs, rt. 1, box 348 of Poring, are undergoing the first cycle of basic Infantry training at the largest West Coast Infantry Training Center. Both fellows were assigned to Company A, 8th Battle Group, 3rd Brigade at Fort Ord, Cal.

Philip graduated from Sandy High in 1956 and Arnold graduated in 1954. When they have completed eight weeks of instruction in general military subjects, individual protection against chemical, biological and radiological attack and defense, rifle marksmanship, Infantry tactics, first aid, military justice, maintenance and supply economy, they will go on to advanced Infantry or specialist training. Philip and Arnold entered the Army Nov. 16, 1955.

### Cooke Plans Retirement

Ralph F. Cooke has announced his plan to retire on March 31, from his position as Timber Management Staff Officer on the Mt. Hood National Forest, according to Paul E. Neff, Mt. Hood Forest Supervisor.

Cooke has occupied his present position since 1939, when he was transferred from a similar position on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Cooke began his career in 1921 on the Black Hills National Forest as a Forest Ranger. He was appointed to a similar position on the Mt. Baker National Forest in 1926, where he served until his transfer to a Timber Management staff position on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 1939. He is a veteran of World War I.

Cooke will be succeeded by Harold Dahl, who has been serving on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as District Ranger of the Mt. Adams District. He has occupied this position since 1956.

### YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Administration this week rounded out 20 years of monthly benefit payments as checks were mailed to 13 1/2 million men, women and children in communities all over the Nation.

In marking the event, William L. Mitchell, Commissioner of Social Security, noted that 1960 is the 25th anniversary year of the Social Security Act. First monthly benefits under the Federal social insurance system, Mr. Mitchell said, were payable for the month of January 1940. Since that time, 21 million beneficiaries have received benefits totalling \$50.4 billion. This includes all payments to disabled workers under amendments to the law enacted in 1956.

Retired workers and their dependents have received \$38.1 billion; \$11.6 billion in monthly benefits has been paid to the survivors of workers who have died; and since July 1957, about \$750 million has been paid to disabled workers aged 50 to 65 and their dependents. In addition to monthly benefits, lump-sum payments to survivors have amounted to \$1.2 billion.

At the end of 1959, the 13 1/2 million people receiving benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance provisions were being paid \$850 million a month. One year ago 12 1/2 million beneficiaries were being paid \$687 million.

Although the general public may think of "social security" as something mainly for the older population, Mr. Mitchell said, the survivors' provision of the law are a bulwark of protection for American families. He pointed out that 1.3 million of the estimated 2 million fatherless children in the Nation are now receiving monthly survivors insurance benefits; at the end of 1940, only 48,000 fatherless children were on the survivors insurance benefits rolls. Ninety per cent of the mothers and children in the country are now eligible for survivors benefits should the head of the family die.

The Social Security Administration has in its files the work histories of more than 130 million people to whom social security account number cards have been issued since 1936. Between 70 and 80 million of these people had earnings credited to their social security accounts during the past year.

Social security benefits are paid out of two separate trust funds maintained in the U. S. Treasury. These funds have been built up with the social security tax contributions of employers, and the self-employed. Money not needed for the payment of current benefits and administration is invested in interest bearing obligations of the U. S. Government. The interest earned is added to the Funds. The Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund is estimated to be \$20.1 billion as of December 31, 1959. The Disability Insurance Trust Fund, established on January 1, 1957, is estimated at \$1.9 billion.

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