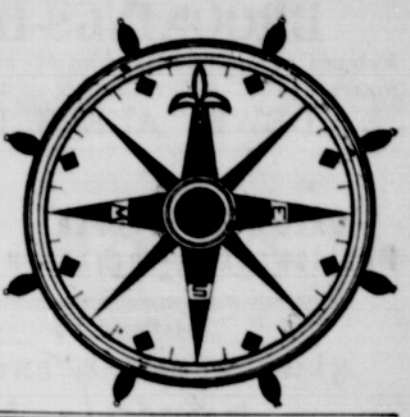


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Local Weather Is Center of "Talk"

While this area was basking in summer weather the past week, the rest of the nation was not so fortunate, if radio reports can be taken at face value.

In Memphis, Tenn., noted for its warm and balmy climate, people dug out from under seven inches of snow. This storm blanketed far into the south, chilling Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana at the same time.

The northern and mid-western states, especially Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, were in sub-zero grips, and many deaths by freezing were reported.

While all this terror visited the remainder of the nation, the temperature, as reported by Paul Wherry, local weather observer, was in the high sixties and up to seventy.

It might be added that with the exception of the Los Angeles area, nowhere else in the U.S. enjoyed warmer weather than was enjoyed here, according to official weather maps.

Hand Badly Hurt In Accident, Sun.

While chopping wood, early Sunday morning, Bob Perkins suffered a severe cut on his left hand, which may cost him the use of the first two fingers. While he could give no definite details of the accident, it is judged that the ax handle must have struck something, causing the ax to deflect enough to hit him on the left wrist. The ax then curved downward in such a manner that the tendons were cut.

Tony Christiansen drove the Perkins' car to Crescent City, where doctors worked about two hours, and fearing that they could not be able to give relief, necessary, sent the group to theureka hospital. Bob underwent surgery early Monday morning at Eureka. He was brought home Tuesday.

Betty Elston Will Wed Neil Nelson Tonight

A wedding of interest will be that of Betty Elston and Neil Nelson tonight at the Baptist community church, with Rev. Dick Neufeld officiating.

Miss Elston, who came here a year ago from Orting, Wash., has been employed at Vincent's Restaurant and Chetco cafe, and has a wide circle of friends. Neil Nelson, a popular graduate of the local schools, has been prominent in athletics for several years. He is employed by the Swan Lumber Co.

Machine Shop, Garage Will Open This Week

Brookings Garage, owned by Carl and Goldizen, and the machine shop, owned by Christiansen and Hoagland, will open this week, if power will be made available, the group told the Pilot, Monday.

Announced earlier that this place would open, first, the construction was held up for want of materials to complete the building. Poles to bring the power into the place were ordered from Eugene, and the power depends upon this delivery. An advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

John Porisch Explains Use Made Of '48 Infantile Paralysis Funds

By John Porisch, Chairman Curry County March of Dimes

The purpose of the campaign, the need for funds, how your contributions are used, and the accomplishments of the national Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in its 10 years of existence, is here stated for your information.

Three methods of solicitation of contributions to the March of Dimes will be used throughout Curry County. The funds raised during the campaign, January 15-30, go to support the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

1 March of Dimes cards will be mailed to every boxholder in the county. A few additional cards will be available at every Post Office for anyone who may have been overlooked.

2 March of Dimes school cards will be distributed by teachers to all school children within the county.

3 March of Dimes collections containers will be placed in business houses throughout the county.

Community chairmen for Curry county are:

Mrs. B. B. Stratton, Langlois-Port Orford; Mrs. Sewell Newhouse, Wedderburn-Gold Beach; Mrs. V. A. Mendenhall, Harbor-Brookings. Each community is conducting its own campaign under the direction of its chairman. As in years past, plans are being made to have athletic events and dances designated as March of Dimes events. Your community chairman will welcome suggestions and active participation during the campaign.

Judging by the past generous and universal support the people of Curry county have given the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis through the March of Dimes, an explanation of the work of this organization seems hardly necessary. However, as County Director of this year's campaign, I believe that you are all entitled to know the reasons and purposes for the campaign. You are especially entitled to know how your contributions are being used, and what has been accomplished. This I will do

briefly by answering the following four questions:

1. Why is it necessary to conduct a campaign for the benefit of the sufferers of this one disease?

It is true that at least four childhood diseases are many times more prevalent than polio. However, infantile paralysis is one of the most expensive diseases known to medical experience. Average cost of a polio case today is about \$2000. Some cases requiring respiratory and nursing care may cost as much as \$10,000 a year. In some instances treatment is needed over a period of several years. It is estimated that nine out of ten families are financially unable to pay for adequate medical care. The March of Dimes is therefore not a charity drive, but actually voluntary insurance against occurrence of the disease. No one knows where the disease will strike next. The beneficiaries of your contributions are of course the unfortunate ones, and the families of the unfortunate ones contracting the disease. Because of the March of Dimes, not one person today need go without medical care because of lack of funds. Prior to organization of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, there were altogether to many cases where children afflicted with the disease did not receive adequate medical care because many families were unable to bear the cost. In other cases although family income was low, the necessary treatments were given, the family deprived themselves of necessities and often also became hopelessly involved in debt.

2. How are your contributions used? (See chart)

50% of your contribution is retained by your county chapter to provide for care and treatment of infantile paralysis patients within Curry county. The other half goes to National headquarters for research and educational training, and also to provide emergency epidemic aid to county chapters whose funds have been exhausted. For the year ending May 31, 1947, almost 50% of the funds expended by

National headquarters went for medical aid. Over 35% was expended for research and education. These projects are financed by grants to leading educational and medical training centers in the United States.

In one year ending May 31, 1947, the National headquarters made appropriations of over 6 million dollars to local chapters whose funds were exhausted. These local chapters had already expended over 9 million dollars.

2735 organized chapters serve every community in the United States.

Equipment pools for use in epidemic areas are maintained at Boston, Mass. and Columbus, Ohio. Four epidemic aid teams are at the call of the National Foundation. They are located at Northwestern University, Harvard, Staford, and at the Watson School of Physical Therapy in Leedsdale, Penn.

Two training and demonstration centers for specialized training of doctors and nurses have been established in New York and Denver. Two more are being established at Boston and Los Angeles.

3. What has the National Foundation done in its 10 years of existence?

Granted a total of 544 research and educational grants to 83 institutions totalling \$13,000,000.

Today almost all cases of polio hospitalized, and fewer people are left crippled. Has helped pay the expense of establishing polio units in general hospitals. Has trained 1300 professional workers by fellowships and scholarships. Has financed Sister Kenny's demonstrations and teaching at University of Minnesota in 1941-1942. 88,000 patients have received aid from the National Foundation and its local chapters.

Through work financed at the University of Minnesota hospital, during the 1946 epidemic, it is believed that the death rate from the deadly bulbar type of polio will be reduced in the future.

Research work financed at Johns Hopkins University gives

Court House Burns At Crescent City

Fire, at 6 a.m. Sunday, completely destroyed the Del Norte county court house, at Crescent City, and for a time, it was doubted if the flames could be kept from engulfing other nearby buildings.

According to a radio broadcast originating in Crescent City, the fire was believed to be of incendiary origin, instead of from the heating system, as was first reported.

Many records, not placed in the vaults, were said to have been burned. The building, erected in 1879, burned like tinder, and defied all efforts to save anything.

It was reported that the fire was noticed about 6 a.m. for there had been people going to work earlier, who noticed nothing out of the ordinary.

Sid Abbott, going to breakfast about 6:30, after he had met the morning busses, saw flames shooting skyward under heavy clouds of smoke, he told the Pilot.

Fishermen Were Stranded By Night

Bob Williamson, Bill Ward and Mr Olson, baker for Bob Williamson, caused their friends some anxiety Monday morning, when they failed to put in their appearance from a fishing trip they had made, Sunday.

The group had driven to the Swan Mill, on the upper reaches of the north fork of the Chetco, and parked the car. From that point they fished down the river not noticing the time, when it dawned upon them they would have a difficult time reaching the car on the upstream hike.

Failure of the bakery to open Monday caused several searching parties to take out. Just before noon, Monday, the group appeared on the Chetco road, having negotiated the steep descent from the north fork.

Outside of a few "duckings" when they crossed the stream, and the cool evening in that locality, the trio was none the worse for the experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearmine arrived home the first of the week after being gone a month, visiting relatives in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wood have been looking after their property while they were gone.

hope that a vaccine against the disease may be developed eventually. The ultimate goal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is to eliminate the disease entirely.

4. Are funds needed at this time?

The 1946 epidemic of over 25,000 cases exceeded only slightly in 1916, completely exhausted the reserve funds for epidemic aid. The cost of treating patients in epidemic areas, according to records, continues to be as great in the year following epidemics as in the year the epidemic occurred. The number of new cases in 1947 was also slightly above the average and numbered approximately 10,000. Our own Curry county fund can stand bolstering. It amounts to about \$1,600 or less than the average cost of treating one case of infantile paralysis.

