

Diphtheria Death Here Brings Warning From Health Officer

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A six-year-old girl in Eugene died yesterday—a victim of diphtheria. This was Lane county's first vivid reminder that diphtheria is still an evil to be reckoned with, since the scare in 1941 which took the lives of two children in the Coburg area.

Since that time Lane county health department has protected 4280 children against this dreaded disease. There are thousands of children remaining who have not been immunized and for this reason are potential victims of diphtheria. The "toxoid" affords practically complete protection and lasts for 6-7 years if given in two or three doses. It is the duty of all parents to have their children protected—especially those below the age of 12. If everyone were protected this menace would be forever erased.

We anticipate more cases in the near future inasmuch as California and other parts of Oregon are reporting cases. It is urged that

children who are not immunized and those who were immunized more than six years ago, be taken to their family physician or the health department as soon as possible. Each Monday afternoon 1-3 is set apart for immunizations in the health department.

Plans are being made to offer immunizations in all the schools of Eugene and Lane county in the early spring.

Have your child PROTECTED—then you can rest easy while others worry, when diphtheria strikes.

West Coast Lumber Production Down

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The west coast's 1944 lumber production was 7.9 billion board feet, 20 million feet under 1943 production, the West Coast Lumbermen's association announced yesterday in its monthly bulletin.

Lumber production rose and fell with war requirements, the bulletin said, holding up well during the first six months of the year when "war requirements completely dominated the industry," and slacking off in the final half when there was "a great surge of preparation for reconversion and war orders for lumber declined."

Lumbering has been "back on heavy duty for the military services" since October, the bulletin added.

December production averaged 134,180,000 board feet per week, or 84.9 per cent of production in the same period in 1943.

TIME ON HIS HANDS

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP)—Ora Stumpff has filed an embezzlement complaint against a watch repairer.

He thinks it's time he got his timepiece back. He says he hasn't had his watch since he took it in to have it fixed, 23 months ago.

Alcoholism Study To Be Discussed

People of Eugene and the adjacent area are invited to a meeting at Eugene high school next Wednesday (Jan. 17) evening at 8 o'clock for a report and discussion of the famous researches which Yale university is making into "alcoholism" and the drinking habits of the American people.

County School Superintendent Lawrence Moffitt will preside and a report will be made on the clinic held at Portland in November under the direction of Dr. E. M. Jellinek, one of the leaders in the Yale researches.

Speakers will be State Representative Truman Chase, Dr. Victor P. Morris, and Mrs. Nora Robertson, teacher of biology and health in Eugene high school. All three attended the Portland sessions and are familiar with the Yale studies.

"The approach to the problems of alcoholism in the Yale research is much broader than anything heretofore attempted," says Mrs. W. S. Love, president of Eugene high P-TA, which is sponsoring the meeting. "At Yale they are trying to get at the facts and determining the causes as well as the remedies for drinking habits."

"Their studies are based on the factual reports of psychiatrists, physicians and social workers, and they emphasize the importance of education as the real basis of temperance. We consider this meeting to be of great importance to young and old, and we hope it will be only the first of a series on this important problem."

Flashes Of Life

By The Associated Press

HARMONY
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Harmony marked the opening of the 1945 Indiana general assembly—the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra gave legislators a concert in the statehouse.

GOOD EXCUSE

NEW YORK (AP)—Gin rummy, backgammon and such pastimes are banned in New York night clubs under a directive of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia to the police. The night spot owners aren't ob-

jecting. "Glad to have an excuse to cut it out," said Sherman Billingsley of the Stork club. "People came in, asked for a deck of cards, kept a table six hours and bought no liquor or food."

PATRIOTIC BIDDIES

DECATUR, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. A. W. Nicholls was on the prowl for a turkey around her farm after she had found giant eggs among the nests reserved for her flock of 240 hens.

But there was no turkey, so Mrs. Nicholls has decided that some of her hens are heeding the government's call for larger production. The big eggs weighed about 4½ ounces each, measured 8½ inches lengthwise and 7½ inches in circumference.

Japanese-American Back At Hillsboro, But Not To Stay

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A Japanese-American who moved inland three years ago to avoid confinement in a relocation center was back here Thursday to get his rifles, field glasses and cameras, but not to stay.

Hiroshi Sunamoto, one-time Cornelius berry farmer, presented a federal request for return of his property to Sheriff J. W. Connell. He said he wants the guns to shoot annoying jackrabbits on his farm at Vale, Ore.

He shrugged off mention of the Hood River incident in which names of Japanese-American soldiers were removed from an American Legion honor roll, saying, "I don't care to talk about those things."

Sunamoto, the wife he terms "a good American too" and their small child went to Vale after Pearl Harbor and took over a 60-acre sugar beet ranch.

"People treated me nice," he said. "The going was tough but I made a living raising sugar beets and onions. There was no trouble. I still have a year to go on my lease so I won't be back here for awhile."

"I like it better here where it is nice and green and I would like to come back, but have not made up my mind. Other Japanese who own property here will be back, I think."

Sanitation Spotted In Dairy Meeting

State-wide interest in the relationship of dairy sanitation and milk handling methods to the control of undulant fever will be reflected in the program of the 51st annual convention of the Oregon Dairyman's association at Oregon State college at Corvallis, Jan. 15-17. The main program will start Tuesday, Jan. 16, following committee sessions on Monday, according to programs just distributed by Roger Morse, secretary of the association and extension specialist in dairying at OSC.

Among 8 to 10 principal speakers on the session program, at least half will touch on some phase of the disease-control subject. Speakers listed include E. L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture; P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industries division at OSC; Dr. R. B. Smith, Portland physician; Harold Ewalt, assistant extension dairy specialist at OSC; Charles A. Smith, Medford, chairman of the Oregon Dairy Products commission; F. F. Moser, Corvallis, president of the Oregon Dairy council, and Ada R. Mayne, manager of the council.

Committees on legislation, herd improvement, disease control, sales promotion, and resolutions will begin their work Monday. Tuesday afternoon the Oregon Guernsey Cattle club and the Oregon Holstein Breeders association will hold annual meetings, and the Oregon Jersey Cattle club will hold a business session. The annual banquet will be Tuesday night, with S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, speaking on dairying in Argentina.

Dow-Jones

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 205.80, up 0.07; 10 first grade rails 113.60, up 0.14; 10 second grade rails 93.49, up 0.06; 10 public utilities 108.63, unchanged; 10 industrials 107.96, up 0.08.

The most popular Tibetan drink is butter tea — tea and butter churned together.

Thanks, Yanks!

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The London Daily Express published today under the headline "Thanks, Yanks," a dispatch from one of its western front correspondents declaring the Germans might have captured Antwerp and caught the British 2nd army in a fatal trap if the Americans had not held Bastogne.

The dispatch, cabled by Allen Moorhead, said:

"Everything at one moment depended upon the Americans holding Bastogne. Had they lost it, there was a reasonable chance of the Germans sweeping on to the coast and taking Antwerp, which would have meant the encirclement of the British armies."

"There would have been no escape route by sea this time. But General Bradley and his Americans hung on somehow."

"Now that full reports are coming in they are saying in British headquarters that Bastogne compares in importance with El Alamein (the turning point of the north African campaign) in its effect upon the war."

"It is a bigger battle than we knew about—perhaps one of the greatest American efforts of the war."

Last Log

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active in the Lane County Pioneer Memorial commission, says there have been many requests to preserve the Alma school as it stands for a relic of the past. Another suggestion is to have it dismantled and restored in Eugene where many people could see it.

Throughout Lane county Superintendent Moffitt reports many movements toward consolidation school districts with modern buildings in the pattern of the Upper McKenzie and other "remodeled districts" as the ultimate aim.

In the lower Siuslaw—where school transportation used to be by river boat in many sections—it is proposed to merge Portage, Cushman and Idylwild (near Canyon) with Florence which already has the union high school. Fox Hollow and LeBlau back of Spencer Butte are planning to merge with Twin Oaks. A major consolidation would merge Upper Camp Creek, Lower Camp Creek, Cedar Flat, Deerhorn, Walthamville and Leburg, with the ultimate aim of a centrally located, modern grade school plant (all of these districts are now part of Springfield union high).

"Better schooling for the youngsters is the first aim of all these movements," says Moffitt. "However, in most cases there are also economies which come from the operation of the larger and better planned school units, and these economies in the long run usually offset the cost of transportation. One way or the other people are showing a greater interest in their schools than ever before, and I think it is a very hopeful sign for the future."

Condon—

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wouldn't be sure. The tellers were a long time counting, but they came back with a box of neatly wrapped coins—and the TOTAL \$45.51.

Participants Increasing

Several individual contributions have been filtering in this week and they will be reported Sunday with the week's totals, but the register of the Condon kids will bring the total of individuals having a share in the Park and Playground Fund to more than 707 people. (The aim is eventually to have every man, woman and child in the community have some small share.)

The youngsters were extremely earnest about the project. One chubby boy had his coins deep in the folds of his trouser pocket and he almost turned himself inside out getting at them. A little girl had her savings in a candy sack and she dumped sack and all into the pot. Another little girl emptied the entire contents of her blue purse. Some of the larger boys, old enough for odd jobs, were proud of their ability to put in big silver pieces and even "folding money."

Thursday is Scout Day in the Condon recreation program and the boy and girl scouts and cubs were on hand in uniform.

Mrs. Burris congratulated the youngsters on behalf of the Business and Professional Women's Club who provided the first \$1,000 to establish the fund.

"I wouldn't have missed this for anything," she said. "Our club meets today and I will have a story to tell which will make our members feel that the Park and Playground Fund is really on its way now."

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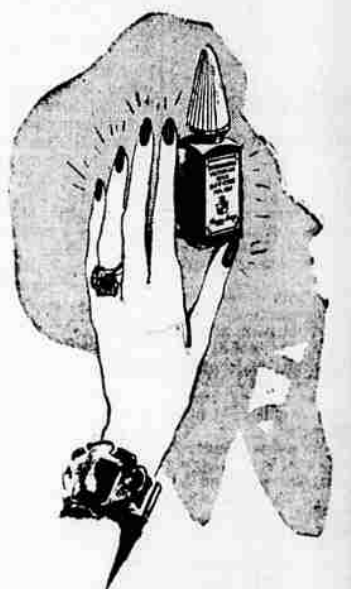
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