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THE RIGHT START

The News wants to compliment the city council on its action to get a sewer system for the city started. It is a long, hard job to get all the wrinkles ironed out so the people can vote on a bond issue to put in a new sewer system, and if the council stays on the job and works hard at this task, we may get the system completed by next spring.

We want to make it quite clear to the voters who must vote on another bond issue, that in this case, we do not believe the bonds will be saleable. If this is the case, and no bidders come for the bonds, the last legislature passed a law and set up over a million dollars for such cases. Where a small city cannot sell the bonds, the state will come in and build the sewer system and give the property owners 40 years to pay off the indebtedness. We must pay the bill, of course, but with the small amount to be paid each year, it will really save property owners money, for they can do away with septic tanks and their upkeep, which in most cases costs more than the yearly stipend they will have to pay on the sewer system to the state, and the State Board of Health is not going to let us get away with the septic tanks we have very much longer. As the city grows, septic tanks become a health nuisance, and sooner or later we are going to have to put in a sewer system whether we like it or not, and the easiest way out is to vote bonds no one will buy and the state will come to our rescue. Let's don't overlook this easy way out to build a sewer system now.

How To Get Help From Nat'l. Foundation When Polio Strikes

1. At the first sign of illness, call your own doctor. If he suspects polio he will report the case to the local Health Department and arrange for hospitalization or home care, as indicated. The National Foundation does not select physicians or hospitals. This is a family matter. If you have no family physician, call your City or County Medical Society, your Board of Health or the nearest hospital.

2. If your doctor says it is polio and requires hospitalization, the local Chapter of the National Foundation will help arrange for transportation to a treatment center. As soon as the patient goes to the hospital—or if your doctor advises the patient can be treated at home—get in touch with your Chapter of the National Foundation to arrange for any needed assistance.

a.) Most Chapters are listed in the telephone book under N for National Foundation, I for Infantile Paralysis and the letter starting the name of the county you live in, i.e., Washington County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. If you can't find it—check with your doctor, hospital or Health Department.

b.) Your Chapter will get in touch with you as soon as it learns of the case through your physician, the hospital or the Health Department. However, late reporting or a heavy hospital load may delay this Chapter contact. If you do not hear promptly, telephone or visit your Chapter representative. You can ease your own worries sooner by making the approach yourself.

3. The Chapter representative will notify the hospital that it is arranging with you for full or partial payment of expenses for medical care. Adults are as eligible for help as are children. Discuss with your Chapter how much of the full bill the Chapter will pay.

a.) March of Dimes funds are used to help the medically indigent—but this is NOT the same as "indigent"; it includes families of moderate income, who cannot meet the high costs of modern care of this expensive disease. The help is a gift—not a loan. While families

that CAN pay are expected to do so, NO family is expected to impoverish itself to meet medical expenses for polio.

b.) Even if you can assume full costs for initial hospitalization, it is a good idea to see your Chapter. If yours should be a patient who is severely affected—and this cannot be determined in the first few days—you may need help later on. Bills incurred in the weeks BEFORE your Chapter assumes financial responsibility cannot be paid months afterward, but the Chapter will step in at whatever time you really need help. Have a frank, friendly talk with your Chapter representative at the beginning.

4. Chapters pay for hospitalization professional services including nursing and physical therapy, transportation to and from hospitals, convalescent centers and clinics, treatment after hospitalization and appliances such as wheelchairs, braces, etc., as needed. There are no hard and fast rules. Each case is decided upon individual medical and financial needs. Assistance is given regardless of age, race, creed or color. More than 110,000 polio patients were directly assisted in full or in part up to the end of 1948.

5. In addition, your Chapter can put you in touch with proper sources for nursing and physical therapy at home, can refer you to rehabilitation and vocational training agencies, will provide literature designed to foster better understanding of infantile paralysis—so you will know what to expect and how to help your polio patient back to a useful life.

THESE SERVICES ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE MARCH OF DIMES EACH JANUARY

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

As a property owner of the Illinois valley who has had some experience with forest fires I wish to take issue with an inference in your editorial regarding our last forest fire.

A change of wind, &c., did NOT enable the state boys to control the fire. The State Forest service

was conspicuous only by its lack of man power and equipment plus a display of badges. I mention these badges because they caused volunteers to look to the wearers for management and leadership which was not forthcoming. For this reason the presence of the state boys was more a liability than an asset. State personnel on the job would perhaps have made a mop up crew, but definitely not a fire fighting unit. Let's give credit where credit is due, i.e., to Barney Robstad, Art Kellert, Krauss & Webb, Boyd, and others who voluntarily put their cats on the job without taking time to find out where reimbursement was to come from. And let's give credit to those men who drove the cats, through the dark of that first night without followup support, and to the mill crews who supplied what follow up action there was. Last and by no means least let's thank the women of the Red Cross who prepared and delivered to the fire line hot stew, coffee and sandwiches. They did more toward stopping the fire than the state organization.

Provisions for food has long been practically nil on state fires, which should be corrected along with other things.

This is not intended as criticism of the local state boys. I know there are some good fire fighters among them, but no one can fight with his hands tied. I pay patrol tax and assumed it assured me of better protection than I saw displayed in this case. Unless some change is made, we aren't very honest in trying to sell the Illinois valley or Oregon to outsiders.

Sincerely,
ART CRIBB

P.S. I do think some of the folks who evacuated their homes along the Rockdale road should have done more toward protecting their properties. Had these homes burned and the origin of the fire been established there would no doubt been extensive claims for damage and yet there was very little done in the way of clearing, &c., to prevent their burning.

Editor's Note—Glad you sent in your letter, Art, you brought up some questions that had not been touched on before. However, we were going to follow up on this matter, but your letter has accomplished the things we wanted to say.

I ask you to read our editorial again. We did NOT say the State Forest Service put out the fire. We said through the change of wind and the grace of Providence, they got away with it. But they did NOT put out the fire.

If the volunteers you spoke of hadn't come in, and if the Forest Service hadn't sent some of their boys who were on regular duty, the fire might be going yet. The State Forest Service is a misnomer—it isn't a service. They have no way to provide meals, bedding, tools or anything else to give fire fighters. When their money is gone they are through, and a fire will just keep on going when they quit. Something should be done about the State Forest Service. Thanks for your letter.

CITY COUNCIL

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Miller was given authority to work with Mr. Reed in getting a chlorination plant for the present city water system, after Mr. Williams told the council that the state health department found sufficient bacteria in the water to warrant such a move. The bacteria count was very small, but it was advisable to have the chlorination plant put in, so the council told Blake to go ahead.

A number of other minor details were discussed until a late hour, when the council adjourned to meet next month on the second Monday, which will be September 12th.

OUR RAILROAD

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had reached Walters Creek when World War I stopped construction. In 1937, Henry J. Kaiser, after making a very complete survey applied for permission from the Inter-State Commerce Commission to finish construction. This permission was held up by technicalities and World War II was upon us.

Since then the railroad has been under lease and operated by the Pacific Portland Cement Company. Traffic on the 14 miles of completed road has grown by leaps and bounds.

The survey so far has revealed a great need for immediate construction. For these reasons the Oregon Mining Association is cooperating in every way with the survey now being made.

Selma News Items

(By Mrs. Fritz Krauss)

Betty Ann Woodcock, bride-elect of Frank McLean of Kerby, was given a household shower on Tuesday of last week at the home of her parents, the Ernest Woodcock's. She received many lovely gifts and some who were unable to attend sent gifts also.

Henry Haberman and his son Ivan, recently built a service station on their property north of Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett (Irene Brothers) of Portland, who were married July 10, spent part of their honeymoon here with Mrs. Bennett's grandfather, Charles Wiswell, and Uncle Herb and Mrs. Wiswell. Also visiting at the Wiswell home was Herb's brother, L. T. Wiswell, his wife and daughter of Tacoma, and Mrs. Wiswell's mother, Mrs. Bain of Orchards, Wash.

Attending the Miner's Jubilee in Jacksonville, over the weekend, were the A. A. Whitesells, the D. Hamiltons, the Ivan Burrs, the McFarlands, the Dale Dickersons, and the Fritz Krauss family.

Mrs. Ivan Burr's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Clark, Jamestown, Ohio are here for a long visit.

DEER CREEK GRANGE TO HAVE FAIR EXHIBIT

Deer Creek grange had 58 members present at its last meeting with 4 new members taking degree work, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Stroeckre of Selma. Mr. Stiers was elected Master due to the resignation of Everett Longanecker who has recently moved to Grants Pass.

New steps were taken for work committees to repair the building and a department will be remodelled for a new juvenile grange soon to be organized. Members extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cudoh for their generous donations to the grange and have elected them as delegates to the National Grange convention held in California this year.

Mrs. Stella Stengel reported that the home canning for the fair had started and that all members should get their entries ready for exhibit.

Concluding the meeting all joined in games prepared by Lecturer Lee Carson who reports that the next meeting will be home movie night and those having pictures are asked to bring them as an 8 millimeter and 16 millimeter projector will be on hand and some interesting pictures should be seen.

Shakespearean Festival Continues Thru Aug. 24

Earthquakes and forest fires, dock strikes and arms aid have been headline topics this past week but visitors to this quiet Siskiyou mountain town have also been concerned with the problems which faced subjects of Queen Elizabeth 350 years ago. Theatergoers attending the opening performances of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival have found the troubles of 1600 to be those of today, too.

Excellence of the five plays being presented in the 1949 drama program have been acclaimed by more than 2000 persons who have been seated under the stars before the outdoor Elizabethan stage. Festival directors report that advance reservations for the remainder of the season point to the largest attendance in the nine-year history of the festival.

The five-play repertory will continue through August 24 with curtain time at 8:30 each evening. "Romeo and Juliet" will be seen again on August 8, 13, and 19; "Richard II" on August 9, 15, and 20; "Midsummer Night's Dream" on August 10, 16 and 22; "Othello" on August 11, 17, and 23; and "The Taming of the Shrew" on August 12, 18, and 24. Theater and housing reservations may be made by writing to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival at Ashland, Oregon.

FATHER KELLY HONORED AT PICNIC PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rauber entertained recently at a picnic at Cave Park Motel, honoring Father Kelly, new pastor of St. Anne Catholic Church of Grants Pass. Until further notice Holy Mass will be held at 6 a.m., on alternate Sundays at Cave Park Motel beginning next Sunday, August 14th.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Specs And I See Eye To Eye

Asked Specs Allen to go hunting last week. Known him all my life, so I wasn't surprised when he showed up with no gun. Specs doesn't like to kill anything.

Couldn't ask for a better hunting companion, though. We tramp around the woods, and whenever the dogs flush a bird, I blaze away while Specs just watches.

Told him once I was surprised he went along... feeling the way he does about shooting anything. "Well, Joe," he says, "you do what you think is right and I'll stick

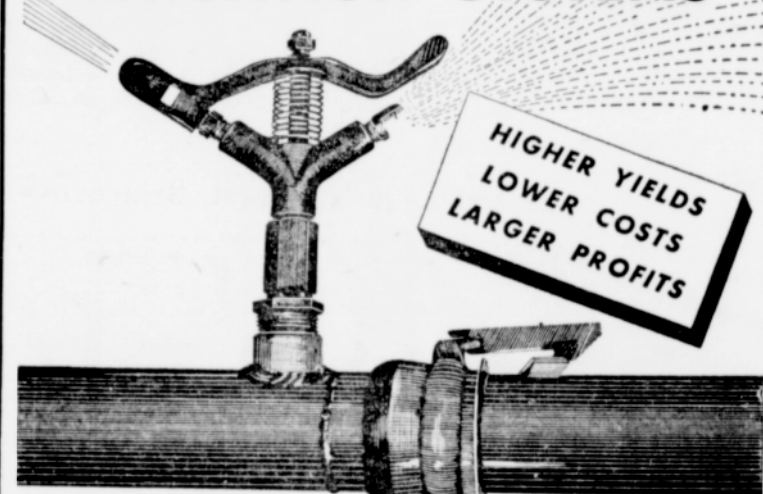
to what I think is right. I've no call to dislike you for not seeing everything the way I see it."

From where I sit, open-mindedness is a wonderful quality. There are plenty of things Specs admires that I don't care for. Like his fondness for buttermilk. I'd rather have a glass of beer anytime... but Specs Allen and I don't let little differences get in the way of something big like friendship.

Joe Marsh

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LOYD LEWIS

Sheriff and Tax Collector Josephine County, Oregon.