

# BOARD OF HEALTH TELLS OF DIPHTHERIA

Regarding four deaths from diphtheria in New York, "none of the patients received antitoxin earlier than the third day of the disease." Of three more children who died, one was not seen by a physician for six days after the disease started, another for four days and the third for "several days." Reports such as these are very common, and are of great importance in view of the many small outbreaks of diphtheria in Oregon lately.

Diphtheria antitoxin has been in use for almost thirty years, yet in Oregon, in 1924, 107 deaths from diphtheria were reported, and there were probably more. How many of these deaths were necessary, and how many could have been avoided? It has been shown that when antitoxin is given on the first day of the disease, only 2.2 per cent of the cases die, while by the second day the percentage has risen to 7.6. If the antitoxin is delayed till the third day, seventeen out of each hundred die, and the percentage rises to twenty-four for the fourth and thirty-four each for the fifth and sixth days. This gives some idea of the importance of immediate attention.

The germ of diphtheria lives only on a small area of the body, usually in the throat, mouth or nose. The damage is done by a poison or toxin, which it manufactures and which is carried all over the body by the blood. This poison attacks the tissues of the body, notably the nervous system and the heart muscle, accounting for the paralysis often following diphtheria, and the frequent deaths from heart failure following exertion after the disease seems to be over.

Antitoxin is an antidote to the poison, destroying it as it is passing thru the body, before it can attack the body tissues. After the toxin has once attacked the body, antitoxin can no longer neutralize it, for the damage is done. Therefore the antitoxin must be given early enough to forestall damage of the body by the toxin. Antitoxin is a perfectly normal substance, which is formed by all bodies infected with diphtheria. What we do is to supply an extra amount, to supplement that which is naturally being formed, but which is being formed too slowly to prevent damage to the system and possible death.

The parent must remember that:  
 1. Diphtheria is dangerous but most curable at the start. Call a doctor AT ONCE if the child has sore throat or suspicious symptoms.  
 2. Antitoxin is a natural product and can do no harm. DELAY IN ADMINISTRATION CAN AND DOES.

The doctor must think of this:  
 1. Out of 75 deaths from diphtheria analyzed in Chicago recently, 30 were probably due to failure to call a doctor early enough, 27 to failure of doctor to make early diagnosis, 12 to insufficient amount of antitoxin used and only six probably unavoidable.  
 2. It does not hurt to give antitoxin occasionally in a case which is not diphtheria. It is often deadly to delay until an absolute diagnosis can be made.

Rents House—J. A. Crider has rented the Laxton and Perkins house on A street between 3rd and 4th. He will move in immediately.

### NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.  
 In the matter of the estate of Catherine M. Bogart, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate that he has filed his final account therein, and that the said court has fixed July 25th, 1925, at ten o'clock A. M. at the Chambers of said court as the time and place for hearing objections, if any, to said final account.

JOHN T. BOGART,  
 Administrator

Fred E. Smith, Atty for Admr.  
 Je. 25, Jl. 24-16-23.

To all property owners within the town of Springfield, Oregon. You are hereby notified, to cut all grass and weeds on lots and parkings within ten days from the date of this published notice, and if you fail so to do within the specified time, the City Street Commissioner is hereby ordered to enter upon said premises and cut the grass and weeds growing on said lots and parkings, the costs and expense of said labor to be assessed to the property so served, and said costs to be entered as a lien against said property in accordance with the provision of ordinance No. 104.

Passed by the Common Council this 24th day of June, 1925.

Approved by the Mayor—this 24th day of June, 1925.

G. G. BUSHMAN, Mayor.  
 Attest by the Recorder this 24th day of June, 1925.

R. W. SMITH, Recorder.

### TOWN AND VICINITY

In From Marcola—George Wallace was in from Marcola Wednesday.

Has Tonsils Removed—Mrs. C. J. Miller of Marcola had her tonsils removed Monday by a local physician.

In From Fall Creek—Mr and Mrs. Frank Kintzley were in town from Fall Creek Sunday.

In From Walterville—Fred and Walter Easton were in from Walterville Monday.

Springfield Visitors—A. E. Davis of Camp Creek and M. E. Golden of Fah Creek were Springfield business visitors Wednesday.

Visit in City—Mr. and Mrs. Lew Kimball, of North Bend, are visiting Anthony Saul of Springfield for a few weeks.

Will Visit in East—Mrs. Mike Griel, whose home is several miles east of town, expect to leave soon for a visit in the east.

Leave on Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and daughter Jean left Tuesday morning by car for a month's vacation in Montana.

In From Dexter—Mr and Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Dexter were in town Wednesday.

Returns From Portland—Miss Allen Mortensen returned to her home here Saturday evening from a visit in Portland.

Visit at Murphy Home—Miss Hazel Murphy of Eugene visited Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy Tuesday.

Attend Picnic—Mrs. Lida McGowan and Mrs. H. A. Korf attended the annual P. E. O. sisterhood picnic in Eugene Monday evening.

Visit Relatives Here—Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Parr of Junction City visited Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Parr here Tuesday.

New Shelves Built—A new set of shelves have been built in at the Morrison & Clinzian store and are being painted this week.

New Sign Boards Put Up—Two new sign boards are being erected on the vacant lot on Main street next to the Auto Beauty Parlor.

Here From Bend—Fred Weston an old time resident of Springfield, came here Tuesday from Bend. He plans to stay here for some time, and may settle here permanently.

Visiting Grandparents—Lillian and David England arrived Tuesday evening from Westimber to spend several weeks with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, Sr. Their mother with two younger brothers will arrive yesterday for Grants Pass to visit in a few days.

In From Walterville—W. C. Thelnes was in town from Walterville this morning.

Go to Mapleton—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Long spent Sunday at Mapleton.

Expected to Return—Mrs. Harry Stewart, who has been visiting in Portland this week is expected to return this evening.

Walterville People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Art Easton were in town from Walterville today.

From Thurston Wednesday—Mrs. Charles Hastings of Thurston spent Wednesday in town.

Out of Hospital—Elza Sutton was dismissed from the Pacific Christian hospital Sunday.

Masons Have Last Meeting—The last meeting of the Masonic lodge until September 5 was held by members of the local lodge Tuesday evening. Delegates from several eastern cities as well as the Eugene lodge, attended the meeting.

Brother Dies—George Sharman, brother of Dick Sharman and Frank Sharman of Springfield, died Monday evening at his home in Wittenburg, Wisconsin, according to a telegram received by Frank Sharman Tuesday. Mr. Sharman was the first of a family of twelve children to die.

Go to Convention—Mrs. Mary Gagli and Mrs. C. F. Eggman left Monday for Oregon City to attend the state encampment of the G. A. R. the first of the week. They will spend the rest of the week in Portland attending the Grand Lodge of the Neighbors of the Woodcraft.

Tonsils Removed—Edith Rice had her tonsils removed Wednesday.

Board Meeting Postponed—The special meeting of the school board which was to have been called Tuesday evening was postponed until tonight. At this time the new members will take the oath of office, and the remaining school business for the year will be cleared up.

Trucks Are Warned—Gravel trucks which are spilling gravel on the paved streets are liable to arrest and fine, according to George Vallier, street commissioner, and chief of police. Several trucks operating through Springfield have been spilling gravel on the pavement; he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Pardee, of Corvallis spent the past week at the Spencer home on C. street. On Sunday, accompanied by Miss Marion Spencer and A. O. Richardson of Eugene they drove over McKenzie Pass. They left yesterday for Grants Pass to visit with Mrs. Pardee's parents.

### Mission of Mercy



Mrs. H. W. Wade, formerly of New Orleans, is now in New York from the Philippines to champion a million dollar drive for the leper colony in the islands. Her husband, Dr. Wade, is acting chief there.

Mrs. Hiran Pyle, of Blois, Kansas, has shipped her household effects to Springfield and will reside here as soon as she can find a location.

Too Much Competition  
 "Honest, Teddy," cross-examined his big sister, who had given him a dime to stay away from the parlor while her beau was there, "didn't you even peek through the keyhole?"  
 "Naw," was the disgusted reply. "Pa an' ma was in the way."

A chance for the Ocean Swells  
 (Ad in Visalia (Cal.) Delta)  
 WANTED—Girl for lighthouse keeping. Might have to wash a bit.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

Goes to Coast Fork—Dean Woolsey spent Sunday on the Coast Fork.  
 In From Thurston—Chris Grant was in town from Thurston Wednesday.



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