

# EDITORIAL



### Strike Against Polio

Citizens of Morrow county have their opportunity during the next 18 days to join the rest of the American people in writing their own ticket against infantile paralysis which has stricken more than 100,000 fellow countrymen in the past six years.

The March of Dimes that begins tomorrow and runs through Jan. 31 is providing that opportunity at a time when the realization of the grave polio emergency should have impressed itself on every mind. It is common knowledge by now that 1948 burdened the nation with an unprecedented number of cases, that \$17,000,000 was spent on polio patients during the year, that the epidemic aid fund of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was drained dry and that the 1949 March of Dimes must produce a minimum of \$30,000,000—a record.

But none of these figures dramatizes the situation to the home folk as clearly as Oregon's own polio statistics. Two hundred twenty Oregonians were hit by polio during 1948. Two hundred thousand dollars was spent on the care of polio patients in Oregon during the year. Eight counties, all of which experienced epidemic polio, found their March of Dimes funds exhausted, and others saw their polio finances depleted to a serious extent.

It may seem heartless to talk of dollars and cents when pain and suffering are involved, but you cannot sidestep the cold, factual problem of doctor and hospital bills. Not one family in 19 can afford to pay for full or even partial care of a case requiring more than a nominal hospital stay.

March of Dimes funds are paying for the best available medical care and treatment of polio patients throughout the nation—regardless of whether they were stricken in 1948 or in previous years. Besides, the March of Dimes finances research, seeking the final answer as to how to prevent and cure polio.

Help guarantee a continuation of this vital service. Join in that great humanitarian parade—! March of Dimes.

### On Important Committees

Morrow county's representatives in the legislature have been given their committee assignments and will play an important part in whatever legislation that is accomplished in the 1949 session.

Henry E. Peterson has been given the chairmanship of Engrossed and Enrolled Bills and is a member of the important Agriculture, Alcoholic Control, Aviation and Commerce committees.

Giles French is chairman of Labor and Industries; member, Education, Rules and Resolutions, Taxation.

Peterson, we know, is well enough schooled in agriculture to be of valuable service on that committee. His experience in the legislature has prepared him for detail work such as will appear in the committee of which he is chairman as well as on the important committees on alcoholic beverages control and aviation and commerce.

French, with his long schooling in the legislature, has demonstrated his ability to handle any assignment, and he is especially well versed in taxation matters.

The voters of the district, very few if any who would trade jobs with Messrs. French and Peterson right now, may feel fortunate that these experienced legislators are on the job to wrestle with the problems of the 1949 legislature.

### An Old Friend Passes

There are scores of people in this community who will share in expressing sorrow over the passing of a former townsman, William Driscoll. "Dad," as he was known to all, had that rare talent of making and retaining friends, and throughout his long service as janitor of the Heppner school he established friendships that will live on in the hearts of countless young people, many of whom were personally indebted to him for words of advice when some infraction of school rules was about to involve them in difficulties. He will be missed by his older friends who cherished his ready wit and who gathered about him on the occasion of his infrequent visits here after moving to Corvallis to make his home.



ened the cost is curtailed approximately \$5,000. The inaugural ceremonies of Governor Douglas McKay as the 25th governor of the state of Oregon started at 2:30 p.m.

There was barely room in the marble halls for the supreme court, state officials and state senators to march to the expansive hall of representatives. The dignitaries were followed by more than 2000 persons who filled the lower floor and balcony. An estimated 2000 more filled the hallways and foyers where loudspeakers had been arranged by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, custodian of the capitol. Not all who were there got to see the governor when sworn in by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk, but every one could hear the program.

HALL'S MESSAGE Retiring Governor John H. Hall read his recommendations to the legislators which was preluded by his political swan song. "On the fifth day of April, 1947, I walked off this rostrum never

### GI TERM INSURANCE NEAR EXPIRATION DATE

G.I. term insurance is approaching expiration dates for an increasing number of Oregon veterans, particularly those who stepped into the war early with the 41st division, Charles M. Cox, Veterans Administration representative for this area, warned today.

"These veterans must take action if they wish to keep their National Service Life Insurance in force," Cox pointed out. "Expiring contracts may be renewed for a new five-year term, or continued to a permanent plan."

"Original term insurance taken out while in service before the end of 1945 expires eight years after it was issued, the VA aide explained. Many Oregon ex-G.I.s took out their insurance early in 1941, and some of these contracts are expiring now."

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McKAY'S MESSAGE "I enter upon the duties of my high office most humble and with a prayer that I may render service that will be good—for the individual, and good for the state as a whole," Governor McKay said at the start of his inaugural message.

He impressed the importance of a short session. The first admission Governor McKay gave the legislature in his message was to have as short a session as possible. He warned that there had been a dangerous growth in local taxation in recent years caused by our tremendous growth in population, and the public is demanding more and more public services. "For a number of years the state has diverted money that was formerly considered as exclusively state funds, to local schools, counties and cities. And I believe quite properly. But again I want to caution you—this source of revenue for the various subdivisions of the state government is fast reaching the point of complete exhaustion. If it has not already reached that point," the governor pointed out.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, January 16, 1919

Work on the foundation of the new Gilman building on Willow street at the rear of the Masonic building was begun yesterday by Contractor Landsdown. If the present favorable weather continues, the walls will be poured also and the building pushed to completion at as early date as possible.

I will sell four of the best building lots in Heppner for \$250 each. The lots are 50 x 100 feet and are true parallelograms, each corner being a right angle and each lot is a half of a square. Harry Cummings.

Lotus Robison was down from his mountain home Monday and reports a very pleasant winter season out that way so far. Stock is doing fine.

Copper brothers of Monument shipped a car of fat cattle out of Heppner on Sunday.

John Wightman and Adam Blahm shipped a load of Jersey heifers to Buhl, Idaho, on Monday.

It is reported that the large body of coal covered up in the debris of the Palace hotel basement is still smoldering and slowly burning, having continued to burn since the building was destroyed by fire July 4, 1918.

Harold Cohn this week purchased an interest in the W. T. McRoberts garage and the firm is now known as the McRoberts-Cohn Auto Co.

The City Board of Health has



### LEGISLATURE UNDER WAY

Moving as even as the rhythm of an old sweet song the organization of the 45th Oregon legislative assembly was consummated at the capitol in Salem Monday morning.

The calculations of President of the Senate, William E. Walsh and Speaker of the House, Frank J. Van Dyke were precision perfect.

Members of the senate and house were given the oath of office by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk. Officers of the two houses were elected and appointments of floor employees announced by 11 o'clock. The leaders of each house established a record for prompt organization. This is taken as being indicative of intent to avoid a lengthy session.

The first "baby" of the new session was a clicking idea from a member with the experience of eight previous sessions, an accepted legislative genius, Rep. Earl H. Hill of Lane county. He favors calling immediate joint sessions of the taxation and ways and means committees to be charged with securing official figures and information on state affairs. The committees also would be asked to adjudicate and clarify the ideas and intentions of proponents of bills. The move attracted decisive support from members who would quicken the tempo and shorten the session. For every day the session's short-

### Roots of Culture YOUR BIRTHSTONE AND ITS MEANING

OCTOBER--OPAL OR TOURMALINE

ROMANS CALLED THE SPLENDID, FLASHING OPAL "CHILD BEAUTIFUL AS LOVE." THEY CONSIDERED IT AN AMULET AGAINST ILLNESS.

MARK ANTONY (83-30 B.C.) PROSCRIBED ROMAN SENATOR NONIUS, TO OBTAIN HIS GLORIOUS OPAL, "LARGE AS A HAZEL NUT!" BUT NONIUS ESCAPED—WITH HIS GEM.

THE OCTOBER-BORN INCLUDE CELEBRATED LAWYERS, JUDGES, ACTORS, DANCERS, ART CONNOISSEURS, INTERIOR DECORATORS

TWO YOUNG MAINE MEN DISCOVERED A FORTUNE IN BEAUTIFUL, MULTI-COLORED TOURMALINES (1820), SOON SCATTERED BY NEIGHBORS IGNORANT OF THEIR VALUE.

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**Saturday Evening, January 15**

for the benefit of the Harold Becket family who lost their home Sunday night by fire.

Bring your offerings to the Ladies' Lounge in the Elks Building.

Coffee and Cake will be served.

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J. L. Hamlin and family.

There is a tradition to the effect that Noel Coward once sent identical notes to the twenty most prominent men in London, saying, "All is discovered. Escape while you can." All twenty abruptly left town.

**A WORD OF THANKS**

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