

EDITORIAL



April—Cancer Control Month

In April—Cancer Control Month by presidential decree—the American Cancer Society will make its only plea for funds to the very public for which it fights. It requires vast sums to carry on the fight against this dread killer and the funds must come from the public.

It is not comforting to learn that 17 million Americans now living are marked to die of cancer. It is somewhat reassuring to learn that through the efforts of the American Cancer Society in conducting research more than 66,000 Americans will be saved from cancer this year. The crusade against the killer is bearing fruit.

What we are most concerned in at present is the impending campaign for funds. Millions of dollars have been allocated to discover the cause of and cure for cancer. Millions of educational pamphlets, posters, films, ads, etc. are teaching people how to recognize cancer and what to do about it. A million volunteers are carrying cancer control right into the home—supplying cancer dressings, transportation, home services.

This all takes money, regardless of volunteer workers, and this year's goal is \$14,565,561. The American Legion Auxiliary has accepted the responsibility of raising the quota in Morrow county. Let us not make it difficult for these volunteer workers. All of us have witnessed examples of this insidious disease and we should be willing

to aid the fight against it in every possible manner.

Horizontal Farming

Not all credit for improved methods in farming are to be credited to our modern agricultural colleges. Particularly is this true in regard to contour farming, as is shown by a statement recently made by Stephen Thompson, chairman of the Morrow county ACA committee. According to Thompson, contour plowing dates back as far as at least as Thomas Jefferson's time. Jefferson introduced this type of farming, along with a number of other conservation practices at his farm at Monticello. In a letter to a friend in 1813, he said: "Our country is hilly and we have been in the habit of ploughing in straight rows whether up and down hill, in oblique lines, or however they lead; and our soil was all rapidly running into the rivers. We now plough horizontally, following the curvatures of the hills and hollows, on the dead level, however crooked the lines may be. Every furrow thus acts as a reservoir to receive and retain the waters, all of which go to the benefit of the growing plant, instead of running off into the streams. In a farm horizontally and deeply ploughed, scarcely an ounce of soil is now carried off from it."

And we had always thought of Jefferson as just the founder of the Democratic party.

NO KING WANTED

By George Peck

For countless centuries billions of men have struggled for the right to govern themselves. When Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock and a small group of serious-minded individuals wrote the American Declaration of Independence, they electrified the masses of people the world over. Few outside of the thirteen colonies thought the colonists would win the glorious rights as pronounced in the Declaration of Independence. But, with the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, our forefathers had won the right to set up a kind of government of their own choosing—with no king to head it.

Five years later the Constitution was written—the first document in history that put every citizen on equal terms with all other citizens, insofar as his political and legal rights were concerned. It recognized neither royalty nor aristocratic titles. It denied the property owner greater suffrage than the man who owned no property. Under it, for the first time in recorded history, every man could cast a ballot on equal terms and have power on a parity with every other citizen. To choose not only his form of government but the men to run it—with no king to head that government.

No greater sacrifice ever was made than that of the pioneers of the thirteen colonies to secure this equality before the ballot box and before the law. Several hundred thousand Americans gave seven years of their lives under arms to win freedom for this country. Many thousands died and many other thousands suffered terrible privations during those seven long years. For a century and a half we seemed to have a sincere appreciation of this heroic struggle. During that 150 years we built the greatest civilization this world has ever known, and America became the envy of every other nation. Now, many Americans would relegate that sacrifice to the scrap heap. They have

Nagel, Portland minister who was sentenced to prison in Klamath Falls for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The governor's office says, "The case is closed as far as the governor is concerned. He will take no action whatever."

PEN POPULATION RECORD

The population of the Oregon state penitentiary registered an all-time high of 1354 this week. With accommodations for only 1100, there are 129 in the penitentiary annex, 95 in the garage, 41 in the hospital and another 41 in the hospital because there wasn't room elsewhere.

Warden George Alexander says the new cellblock, designed to accommodate 400, should be completed in three months. At the present rate of increase it is expected the population will exceed 1500, and the present crowded condition will recur.

FEWER REAL ESTATERS

The number of persons taking state real estate salesmen's and broker's examinations has decreased during the past four months. Real Estate Commissioner Claude H. Murphy said 66 brokers and 112 salesmen who were examined in five tests the past week are normal for recent months. Next test will be given May 23 at Salem.

SPRING IN-CROPPING

Vivacious Vivian McMurtrey, president of the Oregon Young Republicans, visited the legislature this week campaigning for Sigrid B. Unander, candidate for chairman of the republican state committee. Unander who is a veteran of World War II is reported to have enough pledges to insure his election.

FUNDS ALLOCATED

The legislative joint ways and means committee has approved general fund requests for the 1949-1951 biennium in the amount of \$32,531,053.17. General fund budget requests recommended by the state budget division and the governor aggregate \$66,805,051.21. Non-budgeted requests before the committee total approximately \$8,290,000. Bills passed by both houses of the legislature, involving non-budgeted items, exceed \$250,000.

WALSH ACTING GOVERNOR

Senate President William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, took over the post of chief executive of Oregon last Thursday for the second time since his election as senate pilot January 10. Senator Dean Walker, Polk county, president of the senate in 1941, presided over the senate in Walsh's place.

Governor Douglas McKay left the state Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Columbia basin interagency committee at Pocatello, Idaho. He returned Friday and signed into law ten minor and two highly controversial bills. The first sanctioning construction of the proposed Rogue river dam, the first step in a \$90,000,000 federal reclamation project, and other a fair employment practice act to be enforced by the state labor commissioner, the law will forbid unions and employers to discriminate against any person because of race or religion.

CLEMENCY DENIED

Mystifying is the movement that has brought an unprecedented number of letters—hundreds from all parts of the United States—to Governor Douglas McKay requesting clemency for William

The American Way



The last meeting of the Future Knitters 4-H club met at Sally Cohn's home. The main feature of the meeting was a demonstration on the washing of woolsens by Sally.

Joan Bothwell directed the recreation in the group. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Irrigon clubs are happy clubs if singing is any indication of happiness. Fifteen more song books were requested this week. One of the cooking 4-H clubs has an active yell leader and song leader to make meetings more interesting.

Fourteen 4-H club members of livestock clubs at Boardman gathered at the Greenfield Grange hall last Thursday evening for a lesson in livestock judging. County Agent Anderson assisted by leaders Mrs. Jamie Stalcup and Lee Pearson gave points in judging dairy cattle. Three classes of picture dairy cows were judged during the evening. Later this spring, lessons will be given on

lost that burning desire to be a free people with equal suffrage. Have they come to the conclusion that we are no longer fit to govern ourselves and that we should turn that job over to a king and a retinue of bureaucrats?

Last January 20, we witnessed what was termed the inauguration of a president. To many of us the spectacle took on the terrifying aura of a coronation, and the broad, dictatorial powers since asked for by our Chief Executive indicate that he, himself, believes he exchanged his Missouri sombrero for a crown upon that gala occasion.

Congress must refuse to grant the Administration the authority to impose peace-time controls, to fix prices, to put Uncle Sam into the steel business or any other business, at its caprice or whim. Otherwise, the sacrifice made by our forefathers to throw off the yoke of a king will have been in vain.

Let your Congressman and U. S. Senators know that you are bitterly opposed to reverting back to the status of "subject"—that you wish to remain a "free citizen"—and remind them that Kings have been very much out of style in America since 1776.

By the Declaration of Independence and the victorious struggle of those heroes of the thirteen colonies, the principle of "The Divine Right of the Individual" was established here in America, and "The Divine Right of Kings" was definitely disestablished. Notice was served to the world that in the United States no king is wanted.

sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and beef judging.

The Butter Creek-Sand Hollow 4-H club met at the home of Ronald Curran on Butter creek on Sunday afternoon, March 27.

All members were present. Leader John Graves reported on a meeting of the youth committees on arrangements for the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Fat Show and Sale which will be held at The Dalles on June 6-7-8.

A tour of the Curran lambing sheds was made and a class of four breeding ewes was judged by the members.

A birthday cake was served as Johnny Grossman's birthday was Tuesday. Jello and pop were also served.

The next meeting of the club

The girls volleyball team of Hepner high school journeyed to Fossil Saturday to attend a tri-county track meet.

Team members making the trip were Mary Mollahan, Betty Walker, Jean Hanna, Marilyn Miller, Rita Graves, Mary Gunderson, Eunice Keithley, Barbara Slocum, Betty Graves, Rose Pierson, Shirlene Hill, JoAnn Dix, JoAnn Shwell and Betty Graves. Others making the trip included Loraine Swaggart, Lorene Mitchell, Betty Wells and Sally Cohn. Teachers accompanying the girls were Miss Marylou George and Miss Virginia Bender. The meet was won by the team from the lone high school.

will be held at the Brosnan farm on Sunday, April 24.

—Reporter, Janet Howton.

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30 YEARS AGO Hepner Gazette Times, Thursday, April 3, 1919 The baseball season was opened last Saturday afternoon on the lone diamond. The H.H.S. and Egg City nines were quite evenly matched, both sides however, showing a lack of practice by making many errors. The score at the end of the nine innings showed 16 to 14 in favor of H.H.S.

Capital Parade by Murray Wade PAYLESS DAYS "I want to go home, but—" These five words are a pandemonium of the feelings of every legislator here at the capitol. They feel they have done their best. So do those who have had a continuous close-up observation of the legislative business of the growing state.

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