

## Polio Fund Drive To Open Monday All Over Oregon

Funds Depleted By Unprecedented Number of Cases

Thousands of Oregon polio fighters will throw their active support behind the annual March of Dimes Monday in the opening phase of a two-week campaign for funds to carry the heaviest burden that inanimate paralysis has ever imposed on the American people.

Treasuries of many of Oregon's 36 chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have been emptied or badly depleted during a year that brought the state an unprecedented 515 to 520 polio cases. Three hundred and twenty-five Oregonians were stricken in 1949 and carry-over cases from that year, and even earlier, have added to the drain on Oregon chapters.

The national picture was much the same, according to Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland who is serving as state March of Dimes chairman for the 13th consecutive year. Dr. Hedlund said that 1950 was the third straight year of high polio incidence in this country. More than 100,000 cases were tallied for 1948-1949-1950 combined—or almost as many as the entire case load for the previous decade. March of Dimes monies needed for patient care and epidemic aid during the three years amounted to \$58,000,000.

"In this state last year," Dr. Hedlund said, "one case alone cost more than \$12,000. The disease is always expensive, in dollars and cents and in human suffering, and this is a most crucial point in our battle against it. Let's all punch together to kayo polio."

His appeal was backed by President Truman and Governor Douglas McKay. Mr. Truman declared that the battle against polio is "everyone's fight" and "no victim stands alone." Governor McKay said that "if ever a great humanitarian cause needed the support of every American, the March of Dimes is that cause and this is the time."

Mrs. Olive Hughes, county chairman of the 1951 campaign, estimated that more than 50 volunteers would take part in this year's drive in the county. She disclosed that activities would take many forms.

A building contractor carefully inspected a load of lumber that had just been delivered to him. Then he sent this telegram to the dealer: "knotholes received. Now send the knots."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

## City's Building Program In 1950 Improved Housing Conditions

Nothing spectacular in the building line was experienced in Heppner in 1950, yet according to Yeager, building inspector, the Yeager, building inspector, the ill of town made a fair showing. Building permits issued by the inspector totaled \$178,468.

Building permits do not fully represent the building activity, Yeager explains, inasmuch as many people go right ahead with repairs and minor building construction regardless of the city ordinance. He feels that a good many thousands of dollars are not accounted for in his report and is sure the total would exceed \$200,000 if all were recorded.

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The biggest single item of construction was on new houses. Permits were issued for 19 houses during the year and this totaled \$118,800. Remodeling permits ranked second. Thirty-five permits were issued for this purpose for a total of \$33,773. Two permits, one for \$5,000 and one for \$700, or \$5,700 were issued for warehouse construction. Garage building, home type, came to \$5,050 for seven permits. Roofs, six permits, amounted to \$4,120. One church, the Adventist chap-

## "Covered Wagon" District Nearly Doubled In Year

The Covered Wagon district of the Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, nearly doubled the number of Scout units in the district during the past year, according to Jack Long, field Scout executive for this district.

A new Cub Pack was organized and registered in Lexington in December with the Parent Teacher's Association. New Cub Packs were also organized in Condon, Kinzua and Spray. A new Scout troop is now being organized in Arlington. Plans are also being made for a new Boy Scout Troop or Explorer Post in Heppner. Irrigon has plans for a new Cub Pack and Scout Troop. At the present time Heppner has a Cub Pack 61 sponsored by the Heppner Parent Teachers Association and Scout Troop 61 sponsored by the American Legion Post of Heppner.

The Covered Wagon district showed a gain in boy membership of one-third during 1950 as compared to a year ago.

## Mustangs Tasted Defeat Twice In Past Week's Play

Heppner lost its first league game January 5, when the Mustangs played Arlington there.

The team held its own with the score standing 18 all at the half. In the third quarter, which was Heppner's downfall, the Mustangs scored 12 points to Arlington's 19 points. The final score was 56 to 43 in favor of Arlington.

Jim Prock led Heppner's scorers with 11 points followed by Gary Connor with 9. Piper and Keith Connor each scored 7. Phil Sherrill led the Honkers with 24 points.

The Heppner "B" squad continued on its winning spree by defeating Arlington's "B"—40 to 25. Roland Taylor led the Heppner scorers with 17 points. This makes it 7 wins and no losses for the "B" team.

## ECHO TRIMS MUSTANGS

Heppner had its return game with Echo, Saturday, January 6, and again the Mustangs got beaten, although not by as large a margin as in the first game.

The game was a tight contest right up to the last five minutes of play. The final score was 49 to 40 in favor of Echo. Keith Connor led the Heppner boys with 15 points, and Ramos led the Echo scorers with 16 counters.

The Heppner "B" squad tasted its first defeat in the entire season by losing to Echo—36 to 35. This was one of the most thrilling games played all season. Wendell Connor held the scoring honors for Heppner with 10 points.

## Security of America Rests in Grass Roots Towns, not Cities, Borleske Tells C-C

Ultimate security of America list not in the great cities and big industrial centers; it rests with the grass roots communities, the small cities and towns and rural areas. That's the opinion of R. V. Borleske, longtime athletic coach and director at Whitman college and at present mayor of Walla Walla.

Borleske was pinch-hitting as guest speaker for the chamber of commerce annual banquet at the American Legion hall Wednesday evening due to the inability of Nicholas Trebin, Hood River business man, to be here.

The speaker stressed several cardinal principles upon which this nation was built and grew to become the most powerful nation on earth. Among these were faith in God—going to church and manifesting that faith in words and deeds; getting back to our early teachings and relying upon them; depending on prayer as an effective means for seeking help from God in our trials and afflictions. In other words, he advocated a spiritual revival in America as one of the most potent means for finding a solution to the present world unrest.

Mr. Borleske urged that we renew our faith in our country, to acquire a better understanding of the factors which make it great.

Coming down to the small community he pointed to the fact that individuals have a greater opportunity to be recognized than they would have in the big city, that many of our leaders in high places in the government and business today were grass roots men and women. He pled for the kind of training that enables us to be on our own in reaching important decisions, in

other words, to do our own thinking rather than have the federal government or the state do our thinking for us.

Discussing briefly the great resources of the northwest, Borleske pointed to the fact that within a 250 mile radius of the mouth of Snake river lies the greatest power potential in the world. This country has been victorious in the past because it had the greatest developed power facilities. Extending the development of this great power region means greater security for America, he said.

Mrs. Borleske accompanied her husband to Heppner. They returned to Walla Walla last night as the mayor had to be there to attend to the duties of his office this morning.

Henry Tetz, outgoing president, emceed the dinner and program. He called upon Judge Garnet Barratt to introduce the special guests which included Mayor and Mrs. R. B. Rands, Boardman; Mayor and Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione; Mayor and Mrs. J. O. Turner, Heppner; Commissioner and Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, Heppner, and Commissioner and Mrs. Russell K. Miller, Boardman.

N. C. Anderson, program chairman, introduced Marilyn Monagle and her mother Marilyn gave two dances, a ball number and a tap dance to music played on a phonograph presided over by Mrs. Monagle. Oliver Creswick, accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner, sang Evening Star and One Alone.

Acting as installing officer, Henry Tetz inducted the 1951 officers, including J. R. Huffman, president; N. C. Anderson, first vice president; J. G. Barratt, second vice president; Tom Wilson, secretary, and Frank W. Turner, treasurer.

About 80 people attended the banquet which was served by the American Legion auxiliary.

## Local Court Visits Neighboring Court

To discuss road matters of mutual interest to both counties, the Morrow county court including Judge Garnet Barratt and Commissioners Ralph I. Thompson and Russell K. Miller, drove to Canyon City Wednesday and conferred with the Grant county court.

Principal topic of discussion was the proposed road into the Monument district from the Morrow county side. It is proposed to build a grade up Wall creek from Monument to connect with and include a road already built by Heppner Lumber company, continuing to the county line. On improving the road from the this end it would be a matter of mouth of Chapin creek to the county line. Such a road would bring Monument and Heppner closer together and provide a more direct outlet for lumber and livestock shipments from Grant county through the Heppner railroad.

No commitments were made at the meeting due to the fact that a report has been circulated that another lumber company is contemplating building a road up Wall creek and until something definite is learned the courts will stand by.

## Navy Man Claims Bride Wednesday

Dalbert Bailey of Portland and Adelle Hannan were married at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening at the parsonage of the Church of Christ. Rev. R. J. McKown performed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobbs were attendants.

The bride is a well known resident of Heppner where she has lived for several years. Mr. Bailey is a seaman first class in the navy and will return to duty in a few days while his wife will continue her residence here. They are enjoying a short honeymoon in Portland.

## REVIEW OF WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS GIVEN SOROPTIMIST CLUB

At the regular luncheon meeting of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner this noon the highlights of two of Wednesday night's activities were reviewed. Mrs. E. E. Gonty reported the Parent-Teacher meeting and Mrs. C. C. Dunham discussed the speech of R. V. Borleske given at the chamber of commerce banquet.

As is customary in all Soroptimist clubs, the program was opened with a prayer for peace and guidance for our country.

The program for January 18 will be on hobbies, at which time Mrs. W. C. Collins will show several reels of their collection of pictures.

## Civil Defense To Be Planned 17th

Plans for civil defense will be outlined and discussed at a meeting to be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 17 at the courthouse in Heppner. The nature of the meeting is such as to warrant a good turnout of citizens and the sponsors of the meeting hope to see the court room crowded.

A coordinated plan for the county is under consideration. Steps in that direction have already been taken in meetings held previously at Ione. This meeting is being held to better acquaint the citizens of Heppner and vicinity with what is required and to report on what has already been done. Representatives from other parts of the county are included but it is the desire of the sponsors to have more Heppner people learn what they can do to help themselves and the community in case of war disaster.

## Booster Night Scheduled for 17th

A "Booster night" potluck supper is scheduled for next Wednesday at 7 p. m. at the civic center by the Junior chamber of commerce and the Jay-Cee-ettes. Couples interested in becoming better acquainted with the two organizations are invited to bring a covered dish (main dish, salad or dessert) to the meeting rooms in the old pavilion.

Activities of the two groups will be sketched briefly at separate meetings following the supper, then the entertainment committee has planned a party for the remainder of the evening.

President Bill Barratt of the Junior chamber of commerce and Mrs. John Pfeiffer, president of the Jay-Cee-ettes, are in charge of preparations for the booster night.

## LUTHERAN SERVICES AT HEPPNER LEGION HALL

Arrangements have been made by Lutherans of this and other communities of the county to hold services each second Sunday in the month at the American Legion hall in Heppner. Rev. A. Reitz, pastor of the Lutheran church in Hermiston will be in charge until further notice. The meetings will be held at 2:30 p. m.

## ROTC INSTRUCTOR

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket have received word that their son-in-law, Paul McCarty, is now stationed at Lawrence, Kansas where he is an instructor in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Paul was a paratrooper in World War II and the experience gained during that period of service is coming in handy to him as an instructor.

## Furnace Trouble Causes Fire Alarm

An overheated furnace caused the fire department to be called to the post office early this afternoon. Fear that a fire might be started prompted Postmaster James Driscoll to send in a call for the department.

The furnace failed to operate Wednesday and the post office force was compelled to wear wraps during the afternoon. The heating equipment was worked on this morning and all appeared to be going well until the furnace developed a red heat and refused to tame down.

Some smoke damage was done to the recent interior paint job.

## Shamrocks Outrun Arlington Townies In Scoring Spree

Chalking up their ninth consecutive victory Tuesday night, the Heppner Shamrocks unleashed a barrage of baskets to run up the highest score of the season thus far as they drubbed the visiting Arlington basketweavers by a score of 90 to 69.

With a whirlwind attack in the opening quarter the Shamrocks jumped to a 26 to 7 lead before the Arlington boys could stem the tide. For the remainder of the game the two teams battled on even terms as they matched basket for basket in a scoring duel.

Hal Whitbeck and Junior Kemp were the big guns of the Heppner attack, with Bob Bailey sparking the Arlington scoring.

Saturday night the Shamrocks will meet Irrigon on the Heppner floor in the third game of their hectic series in what promises to be a thriller.

## Wranglers Elect Officers For 1951

The Wranglers club met at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the newly acquired club house for the annual election of officers. Elected were: President, Merle Becket; vice president, Bob Gammell; secretary-treasurer, Frances Orwick; reporter, Altha Kirk; directors, Eb Hughes and Fred Mankin.

Use of one half of the duplex building at the fair grounds was designated for the Wranglers and the 4-H club by the fair board. The Wranglers held a meeting and Christmas party there in December. Partitions have been removed to make one L-shaped room of moderate size. Heating is provided by an oil stove and a fireplace. Further improvements will include the building of a kitchen in one end and finishing throughout. Donations of a kitchen stove by the Fred Mankins and a gas refrigerator by Crockett Sprouts were gratefully received, and any other types of furnishings will be appreciated. Donors may contact the president.

A barn committee was appointed to establish and maintain rules of order. Those serving are Archie Murchison, Al Fetsch, Cornett Green and Howard Bryant.

President Merle Becket was presented with a gift from the club in appreciation of his past year's service. For entertainment, movies of the last rodeo, Wranglers' activities and the Pendleton Round-up were shown by Edwin Dick.

Serving refreshments for the evening were Mrs. Roy Orwick, Mrs. Cal Sumner and Mrs. Merle Becket.

## Degree of Honor Installs Officers

Installation of officers for 1951 was the highlight of the Kate Young lodge, Degree of Honor, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, past state president, was installing officer, ably assisted by Sylvia McDaniel, past president, as installing usher, and Ethelyn Pierson as past president.

Officers installed were: President, Adelle Hannan Bailey; first vice president, Alice Mahon; second vice president, Theda Stratton; secretary, Clara B. Gertson; treasurer, Ruth Bergstrom; usher, Dorothy Applegate; assistant usher, Lucella Sorlien; inner watch, Katie Cunningham; outer watch, Doris Wilson; right assistant, Ellen Moore; left assistant, Thelma Cathman; color bearer, Bernice Nash; pianist, Fern Stephens; adviser, to president, Ethelyn Pierson, and the staff including Beulah Barkla, Hazel Hart, Jacqueline Wells, Lavina Burkenbine, Melba Quackenbush and Edna Fetsch.

Hostesses for the evening, Olive Hughes, Hazel Hart and Fay Munkers, served refreshments. A wedding gift was presented to the new president and a past president's pin was given to the retiring president. Corsages were presented to the installing officers.

## Tri-County Target Area Last Quarter Average 7.41 Inches

An average of 7.41 inches of rainfall was recorded in what is termed the "target area", the Tri-County Weather Research unit of Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties, announces Ralph Crum, president of the organization. Weather stations at Wasco, Moro, Kent, Condon, Heppner and Arlington have reported for the final quarter of 1950. Reports from Morgan and Mikkalo and the control area have not been turned in, Crum said.

These figures just about tally with the report made by Leonard Carlson on the moisture situation in the Gooseberry district.

## County Committees Ready to Launch Polio Drive 15th

All is in readiness for the annual campaign for polio funds scheduled to open Monday, January 15. A meeting was held at the court house Monday evening at which time Mrs. Joe Hughes, county chairman, announced completion of committee appointments, distribution of literature and other supplies in preparation for making the 1951 campaign as complete and brief as possible.

Mrs. Hughes has asked the postmasters in the county to act as chairmen of their respective communities. These include James H. Driscoll, Heppner; Mrs. Emma Breshears, Lexington; Mrs. Walter Roberts, Ione; Martin Bauerfeldt, Morgan; Mrs. Ethel Rhoads, Cecil; Leo Root, Boardman; Mrs. Stella Phillips, Irrigon, and Mrs. H. C. Lesley, Hardman.

A special committee taking the field this year is headed by H. L. Duvall. It is a special gift committee, the purpose of which is to urge those who are able to write their checks in amounts that will count in their income tax statements to greatly increase their subscriptions. Duvall will be assisted by the following community chairmen: Mrs. George Currin, Lena; Jasper Myers, Pine City; Frank Anderson, Eightmile; O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington; Garland Swanson, Ione; Roy Lindstrom, Morgan; Mrs. Ronald Black, Boardman, and A. C. Houghton, Irrigon.

Mrs. Myrtle Alken is county chairman for women's activities. The Soroptimist Club of Heppner has been asked to participate in this division for Heppner; Mrs. Norma Gwinn will chairmen the activities of the Tillamook club at Boardman, and Mrs. James McRae is the Irrigon chairman.

Henry Tetz and Leonard Pate are in charge of the March of Dimes campaign in the schools of the county. Charles Buchanan is chairman of the union drive at the Heppner Lumber company.

Checks should be made out to March of Dimes and mailed to Merle Becket, Treasurer, Heppner. Funds may be handed to the chairman in your community or mailed to the treasurer.

Each donor will receive a metal clip signifying that he has participated in the campaign.

## Another Bumper Wheat Crop In Prospect Due to Moisture

Morrow county should produce another bumper crop of wheat and match if not exceed other crop records in 1951. This is based on the record rainfall experienced in 1950, a complete record of which was kept by V. L. Carlson at his ranch home in Gooseberry.

According to Carlson's records, his section—and he speaks quite generally for the county—received 20.58 inches of moisture in the period January 1-December 31, 1950. Compared with 1949 when 9.15 inches of precipitation was recorded, and the 10-year average of 12.50, it can be readily understood why the natives hereabouts are cheerful regarding the immediate future of agriculture.

## What's Doing In The Legislature

By REP. GILES FRENCH

### HERE WE GO AGAIN

For what the record keeping Oregon Voter says is the ninth time the writer is a member of the Oregon legislature and is writing a column of news and comment about it. There will be an attempt to make this one a little different, to try to explain the persons who make the laws as well as the laws.

Committees have been named and work has begun on a long job of legislation. It is overshadowed by questions about how much we should spend and how much we can raise to spend.

It has been a long habit in Oregon to appoint the house Ways and Means committee by a certain formula. There is always one man from Benton county, (OSC) one from Lane county (U of O) one from Marion county (state institutions) one from Portland (more state institutions) often one from Union or Umatilla county to look after hospitals and schools in that section. Other members may be especially interested in agriculture, military affairs, health, or some other of the more expensive bureaus or may be entirely independent of any of them.

By this method the tax spending groups are able to consolidate their forces and appropriate whatever money bills desired. It is estimated that it costs the taxpayers some \$10,000,000 a biennium.

In Oregon the house and senate ways and means committees meet in a joint session and money bills are discussed but once by the entire group. This method evades the two house advantages usually given as one of the good things about democratic form of government. As a matter of fact the joint ways and means committee sits as a judicial board on requests of bureau and institution heads because ways and means bills are seldom reviewed by the legislature. They are brought in late and rushed thru without debate and with little information.

It is a bad system and taxpayers should see that it is changed.

Old friends and old enemies have met and revived contacts and there is evidence that actual legislating will begin shortly. Nothing important will be done soon but some bills going thru the mill will make it possible to learn about how the land lies for the important ones.

This year the senate reduced committees to 20 which changed the old theory that every senator should have a chairmanship. The house has 25 which it has had for some sessions.

The house policy appears to be that committee chairmen and members of taxation and ways and means shall have but one other committee. This has reduced the number of experienced men to fill committees and the number of members on committees has been reduced. Several committees are very weak and would be greatly strengthened if more use was made of experienced members who have always been capable of taking care of three or four committees.

Oddly enough the governor and the president of the senate and the speaker of the house are all from a small area in the Will.

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