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## Time To Give Again

To those who are on the soliciting end as well as the many called upon to give, it almost seems as though there is no end to the various "drives" that continually confront a person.

There are drives for the Red Cross, the Community Chest, Christmas Seals and many others, and now comes the March of Dimes. We don't mention this in a disparaging manner—far from it. The free will donation to fund drives for charitable or other worthwhile causes is the American way of doing things, and we certainly prefer it over the systems employed to extract money in some of the other parts of the world.

All this just leads up to the main point—the March of Dimes, America's method of fighting what is classified as America's most dreaded disease, Polio. To say that one drive is more important than another would be to misrepresent the value of each one, but if there is one drive out of the many that brings the value of all drives home to each of us, it is The March of Dimes.

Next Wednesday, Morrow county, along with the rest of the nation, will start its March of Dimes and you will be called upon to give again. Why should you?

The dime or dollar you give will help some child or children in Morrow county, who next year will contract polio, to fight his way back to health and

activeness. There were four cases in Morrow county this year, and there will be more cases next year, unless . . . your dime and dollar is available to the men who are fighting to find the cause and the cure. This is even more important, because this is where you and I come in, for maybe our little donation will help find the cause before polio finds one of us personally.

If our dime can aid in eliminating polio from the earth, we're going to be awfully proud of that dime—we'll just wish we'd made it a dollar, and given it a little sooner.

## Christmas Spirit

We all know there are plenty of examples of true Christmas Spirit, but seldom do we hear of one right at home.

Last Tuesday a man arrived to spend Christmas day with his grandson and family whom he thought were living in Lexington. After much effort on the part of Heppner telephone operators, it was found his family lived in Heppner, but were out of town for the day. The visitor didn't have much of a Christmas day to look forward to until a Lexington couple, having heard of the man's plight drove to Heppner and took the man, a stranger to them, to their home for the day.

We wonder if this isn't an example of the Christmas Spirit as it was meant to be.



## TIME FOR SLOW BELL

Oregon will have a deficit of \$40 to \$80 millions in the 1953-55 biennium if state finances are not adjusted before that time.

With wages and employment breaking records here and price mark-up in high, the U. S. dollar is due to teach us a lesson on the crime of self inflation. That's the way most state officials reckon.

Harry Derman, director of the state department of finance, in attempting to cut state expenses found this week that the only way is the hard way. He called a halt on expendable and expensive furnishings the state was paying for in state-owned homes occupied by state institution officials who pay low rent. Some of the items he objected to were top grade dishes, showboat lighting fixtures, expensive appliances, fine linens and drapes, foam rubber pillows, important silverware and other frills. Unusual replacement records on these items also were noted.

One state official censured Derman for his efforts, saying that the extravagance was necessary to help meet the pay scale of doc-

tors and technicians at institutions in other states. Dorman's answer was that competition should be adjusted with salary, not gadgets.

The homes rent for \$85 and include a nicely furnished house, food for doctors and superintendent, and their families that the commissaries handle, utilities and lawn and ground care. The extensive furnishings averaged \$745 for each home. There are 40 of these homes where, with reasonable economy, a possible saving of \$60,000 per biennium could be made, Dorman estimates.

## HOMESTEAD LAW UPHELD

J. A. Craft was not present when the Oregon supreme court handed down a ruling this week that he could retain possession of his home in Salem where he had lived for 25 years. He died a year ago.

Craft's wife died two years ago bequeathing the family property to relatives. Her will was upheld by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel. Craft appealed the case to the supreme court.

The high court's decision gave possession of the house to Craft under the homestead laws of Oregon.

## STATE PROSECUTES FRAUD

Fraud was suspected in 135 cases investigated during the past fiscal year by the state unemployment compensation commission. Prosecutions were made in 39 cases and 11 beneficiaries were convicted. Twenty cases are still pending on court dockets

Investigations were made in 1170 cases involving overpayments to 830 claimants of \$23,345.

Recent vigorous action through the legal department has reduced fraudulent practices to a minimum.

## PRISON GUARDS IN CUSTODY

A state prison guard, Francis L. McConnell, charged with smuggling dynamite to inmates of Oregon State penitentiary pleaded guilty this week. The case was continued in Judge Duncan's court for presentence investigation. The explosives were to have been used, according to investigation, in an escape plot by convicts who made a break last Halloween.

A second guard in a week was arraigned in Marion county district court. Howard H. Hansen was arrested on a charge of attempting to introduce a drug similar to benzadrine into the prison. Warden O'Malley said Hansen broke down and admitted that he planned to sell drugs to prisoners.

## FREE AD.

Oregon's 1951-52 Blue Book is the best ever.

The publication of these tomes of information about the state are authorized by the legislature, compiled by the secretary of state and produced by the state printing department. Deputy Secretary of State William E. Healy edited the current edition but was too modest to have his name appear other than in the list of state officials.

The cover shows a 3-color picture of Heceta Head near San Marine. If you want to buy yourself a copy it sells for \$1. However you might talk yourself a copy if you can prove how Heceta should be pronounced.

Gerald Bergstrom arrived here Thursday evening from Corvallis to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom.

## HELP HER WALK AGAIN!



## Christmas Parties Held at Monument

By Millie Wilson

The American Legion and Auxiliary of Monument held their annual Christmas party at the Grange hall last Thursday night. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the evening was spent in playing cards. Everyone enjoyed a good time.

Mrs. Spike Miller received word on Sunday of the serious illness of her mother in New York. The Millers and their children left Monday morning. They will drive their car through.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller left this week for Los Angeles to spend the holidays with their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown were attending to business matters in Heppner on Wednesday.

Bob Burns received word that his brother was home on furlough. Bob left immediately for his home in Molalla, to visit his brother and his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweek were business visitors in Portland last week.

Ray Hoskin and George Stirritt drove to Madras last Wednesday. They report the roads as being slick in places.

On the evening of December 21 a group of twenty-two of Mrs. Ella Durst's friends gathered at her home to help her celebrate her birthday. Cards were played and refreshments of cake, ice-cream and coffee were served.

Mrs. Durst received many presents and best wishes from all her friends. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnard, Mrs. Reta King, Mrs. Katie Hinton, Miss Alene Hinton, Vernon Peterman, Cris Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. George Stirritt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wilson, Mrs. Goldie Round, Mrs. Anna Lesley, Laura Lee Shank, Sharon and Mary Ella Hinton, Kay Swick and Mr. and Mrs. Durst.

The party served as a means of Mrs. Katie Hinton being able to catch the burglars who had rob-

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Settle of Prineville, spent Friday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Settle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller drove to Eugene to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rickard and children drove to Hermiton last Friday to attend the auction sale. They returned by the way of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek and son Mieke of Heppner are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sweek and Mrs. Daisy Rily.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sweek and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek will drive to Fossil on Monday to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Couture and family.

Daisy Simas and Clay Rily were married in John Day on December 14th. For the present they will make their home in Monument.

All Hofferbar of Tigard was a business visitor in the Monument and Long Creek area last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Jewell and Mrs. Fayr Sweek were shopping in John Day last Wednesday.

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## BUILDING SALE

School District No. 1 will offer for sale the following buildings. These were former school houses in districts now consolidated with District No. 1.

**LIBERTY;**  
located 1/2 mile S. W. of Harley Andersons.

**EIGHT-MILE:**  
located at Eight-mile.

**HAIL RIDGE:**  
located 1/4 mile North of Vic Lovgrons.

**TWIN PINE:**  
located at confluence of Rhea and Wilson creeks, above John Glavey's.

**TEACHERAGE:**  
same location as above.

**MADISON:**  
Webb ranch, about 1 1/2 miles West of the Louis Cason ranch house.

**TEACHERAGE:**  
same address as above.

Bids on the above buildings will be opened at any regular meeting of the board of directors of District No. 1. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Buildings must be removed from the property on which they now stand or arrangements made with land owner.

Bids should be addressed to Leonard L. Fote, clerk, School District No. 1, Heppner, Oregon.

New Year GREETINGS to All!

We deeply appreciate your friendship, both in the old year and the new

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