

Sharp Drop Noted in Oregon Polio Cases

Portland — The State Board of Health Friday reported a sharp drop in the number of polio cases in Oregon and said the chances were good the 1937 polio incidence rate in the state would be the lowest since World War II.

The board said only 20 cases had been reported during the first 25 weeks of the year, almost 50 per cent below the 20 cases reported during the same period a year ago.

If the trend continued, Oregon could expect about 100 cases for the full year, lowest since the 69 cases reported in 1945.

Grand Jury Indicts Burns Attorney

Burns — A Harney county grand jury has again indicted William Bardwell, Burns attorney, for the death of Burns newspaper publisher, Douglas Blair.

Blair lost his life early in the spring after allegedly being struck down in the middle of a Burns street by a hit-and-run driver.

After a series of investigations by Burns police officials, two true bills were handed down by the jury against Bardwell.

Circuit Court Judge William J. ... since the 69 cases reported in 1945.

TABLE ROCK Mosquitos To Be Sprayed

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock — Abe Halfhill, president of the Table Rock Mosquito Control association called a meeting of the members Thursday night, which brought out some 15 mosquito bitten people. The report of the secretary, Mrs. Frank Myers, showed a balance of some \$15 left in the treasury, received from assessments of five cents per acre of tillable land back in 1950. The rest of the money was used to fight mosquitoes in various ways including airplane spraying.

The following officers were elected: Aubrey Taylor, president; Everett Brown, vice-president; and Mrs. Don Wheeler, secretary. After a lengthy discussion, with many testifying that no visible destruction of the pests by the county could be seen, and that they seemed to be more ferocious after each trip of the "smudge" it was decided to try the airplane.

Abe Halfhill, speaking for the Table Top ranch, said they would furnish the oil, and Ralph James, our Sams Valley county commissioner, said the county would supply the DDT, so that left it up to the association to pay for the service of putting it on. Some \$100 was quickly raised by donation, and it is expected enough more will be raised to get the work done Saturday. The Table Rock folks are deeply grateful to Ralph James and Bill Duggan, residents of Sams Valley, for their interest and help.

Salary Raises May Be Canceled in Vale

Vale, Ore. — Malheur County Judge G. Y. Chester said here Friday that it appears salary increases granted the county court and which were to take effect July 1, will have to be cancelled for all elective officials.

The judge, who was opposed to the increases, asked the District Attorney E. Otis Smith for a legal opinion as to the legality of granting increases in an odd numbered year.

Friday the judge said he had a written opinion from the district attorney indicating the increases as granted are illegal.

The district attorney said, "It is my opinion the penalty provided under law and under circumstances could be invoked against all members of the county court as well as the county auditor."

He indicated a belief that the county court members and the auditor would be liable for any money so spent.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Charles E. Shearer Jr., 34, Friday took over as head of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.



LET'S HEAD FOR THE FARM—They don't have to worry about "how you goin' to keep 'em down on the farm" around Kentwood, La. With someone like Barbara Jean Painter, shown here on her farm, around the place, who would want to go to the city? Barbara Jean, with her mother, milks 35 cows twice daily along with the other regular chores. Barbara Jean is helping to promote June Dairy Month.

NO BEAUTY ROUTE
Augusta, Me. — A state senator opposing a survey of a proposed road through Maine's northern forests scoffed at the argument that the road would "open a new scenic wilderness." Sen. Ezra J. Briggs said it would be "just another sandwich wrapper and beer bottle boulevard."

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Matteson were recent business visitors in Portland.

Norman Matteson is at present taking training as a pharmaceutical salesman in Tacoma, Wash., prior to taking a position as a selling agent in the territory reaching from Santa Rosa, Calif. to Roseburg, Ore.

Home movies are getting to be quite popular here as a means of entertainment. Pictures for these home movies are taken of local scenery, animals and people at work at the many tasks on farms and orchards, showing many kinds of equipment, such as a cucumber picker with a crew of girls aboard, and logging equipment, cutting and hauling timber from the back forty.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull are on a vacation trip by car, and at last report were in the Canadian area.

This is the time of year when farm operators do not work by the hour or day, but by the job which they feel they must complete, as they work against against threat of weather and raids of pests.

It would seem that the remark made about farmers at a recent budget meeting was unkind and unjust to say the least, and indicates it was made by someone who is not a farmer.

There may be some so-called farmers who operate another business and use the farm to get a better income tax set up, but most farmers are hard-working people who work more hours for less pay than those in any other profession. They are always willing to pay their taxes as long as they have anything to pay with.

If farmers have been operating on "inflated war time profits," why are they not still operating on them, other people are. Salaries and wages are even higher, so is steel, utilities and everything that is bought or sold.

Latest reports from the M.T. blue bird box on the Richardson farm is that the blue bird family moved to the big out doors, and a vacant sign is on their former home. However, according to Mrs. Robert Dunn, who is an authority on birds, the so-called blue birds were tree swallows.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sage and son, Mike, of Coquille, Ore., were recent visitors here with relatives. Dan was en route to San Diego, where he will board one of Uncle Sam's fighting ships for a training cruise to the Panama Canal Zone to do one of his hitches as a naval reservist.

Daid Gault and Miss Barbara Cook, of Medford, were brief callers here Saturday evening.

The latest dog fatality on what might be called a freeway through the community, was a beautiful white dog belonging to the Ernest Smiths, recently hit by a car.

Sam Glass has given his flourishing corn on the Baker place an underground gas treatment, and expects this to give it a lift.

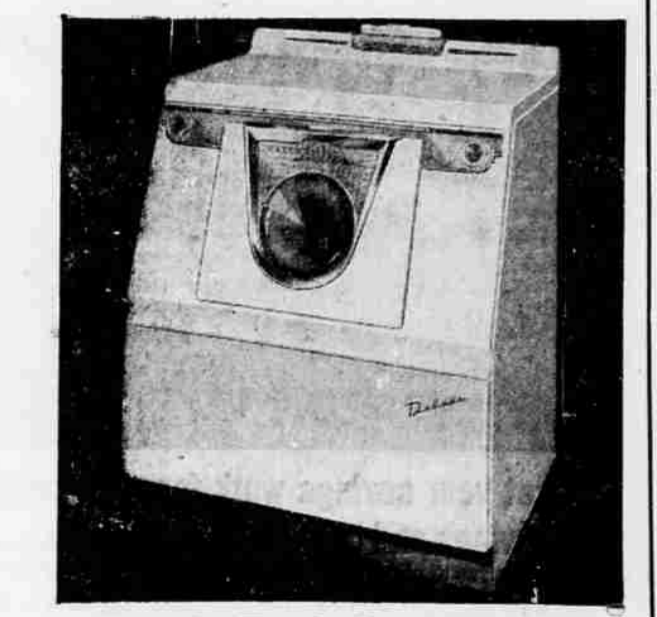
We are glad to report that our good merchant, Ray Wyatt is now at the store and gradually gaining strength after being hospitalized for several months since his serious accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Richardson and young son, Derek, of Portland, arrived here Friday to join Diane, Dennis and Debra, the other Richardson children who came down by air some two weeks ago, and have been having a big time at the home of "Gramps" and Grandma Rich-



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