

Number of Tuberculosis Cases Stay About Same

The number of new tuberculosis cases each year remains about the same, according to Dr. Ambrose S. Churchill, director of the tuberculosis section of the State Board of Health. He spoke to a number of groups in Medford last week.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association, Dr. Churchill stated that new drugs and modern surgical methods have reduced the death rate until now TB ranks only 19th in cause of death in the United States.

He stressed, however, that TB remains a public health problem and that persons who once had the disease are subject to relapse into active cases again.

The majority of cases are found in men 60 years of age

and older, he said, and like many other diseases, TB can be successfully treated if found early enough.

There is a need for intensive case-finding, because most of the cases have not been found until they are moderately advanced.

Chest x-rays and tuberculin tests are used in diagnosing. Dr. Churchill commended Jackson county for its tuberculin testing program in the schools, which is carried out by the county health department and ranks first in the state.

He also described present research being done with tuberculosis. Such work, along with case finding, TB prevention and health education, is financed through help from the sale of Christmas seals.

CBS EXECUTIVE DIES

Hartsdale, N.Y.—John P. Jefferson, 38, assistant director for public affairs for Columbia Broadcasting System News, died of a heart attack Thursday night. Jefferson joined CBS in 1946 after working for The Chicago Tribune and radio station WGN in Chicago. In the Korean war he served as a CBS correspondent. In 1952 he left CBS to represent the Mutual Broadcasting System in England and later worked briefly for the Radio Free Europe. He rejoined CBS in 1955.

Howard School Asks Reconsideration of Reforming Program

Members of the Howard school district board appeared before the Jackson County School District Reorganization committee last week to request a reconsideration of the committee's proposal to unite four districts.

Reorganization committees were established in all Oregon counties by legislation last year to study and make recommendations concerning reorganization of the county school districts.

The Howard representatives opposed the reorganization committee's proposal to unite into one administrative district the Rogue River, Evans Valley, Central Point and Howard schools.

They pointed out that the Howard district previously indicated its first choice organization is to remain as it is. Second choice is to unite with Medford and the third choice is to unite with Central Point.

The reorganization committee gave the district until Dec. 22 to poll residents in the Howard district to determine their wishes.

Proposals to reorganize school districts in other areas

of the county are only tentative, it was said, and would be changed if sufficient evidence were presented.

As a continuation of previous planning, the committee recommended the combination of Jacksonville district with Medford. The addition of Griffin Creek and Lone Pine to Medford already had been tentatively approved by the committee.

The approval of the Jacksonville proposal followed the results of a public opinion poll taken in the Jacksonville district.

The results of the poll, which was conducted by the local board, showed 419 persons favored a proposal to join with some larger district and transport high school pupils; 122 were against the proposal; 248 favored joining the Medford district; 44 favored joining Phoenix; and 120 favored joining the Central Point district.

Harold Wall, a member of the Jacksonville school board, indicated a desire for action on the consolidation.

However, the committee withheld their recommendation on such school district since no positive action had been taken in that district, it was taken. Glenn Smith, Ruch, of the reorganization committee, requested time to take up the matter with residents in his district.

Local Agencies to Merger; Plan Move

Merger of the Barker-Hart Real Estate agency with the Robinson-Potter-Ripley insurance agency has been announced by members of the firms. The change is expected to take place about Jan. 1, when the agency moves into new offices in the Security building, 48 Hawthorne ave.

The new firm, titled Security Insurance and Realty, will handle all types of real estate and insurance services, it was said.

Members include Chris Barker and Floyd H. Hart, who have been affiliated the past two years, and J. Robinson, A.N. Potter and John Ripley. The latter agency is one of the oldest in the valley.

Problems Discussed

Among problems discussed with the newly elected Republican State representative, Mrs. Eve Nye, and Mrs. Moore Hamilton of the state board of education, who were guests at the meeting, was disposition of the Applegate school district.

Applegate residents appear to be strongly in favor of belonging to the Josephine county unit system, according to the committee's reports. Such action would require several changes be made in the reorganization law before the committee could take action, since there are no provisions at present for continu-

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Seek Extension

The committee plans to ask for an extension of time from the state board of education in order to present its entire tentative proposal for reorganization of schools in Jackson county. The deadline for the tentative plan is Oct. 7, with the total plan following required hearings on the local level to be submitted to the state board by April 7, 1959.

It was felt likely that any action taken by the state legislature would not be completed in time to meet the previously set time requirements.

Reorganization committee members at the meeting included Chairman Keith Hockersmith, Cecil Kee, D. H. Barber, Arnold Bohnert, Dr. Lee Mellish, R. C. Gail, Glenn Smith, and County School Superintendent Alf Mekkvoid, who is secretary.

The next meeting is set for Dec. 22.



ON ANXIOUS SEAT—West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt (left) is shown at a special session of the West Berlin City Senate, at which he stated that the consequences of accepting Russia's proposal that West Berlin be made into a demilitarized free city would be "unbearable."

Grange News...

Phoenix Grange

Overseer Mrs. Olin Poe presided at the Nov. 25 meeting of the Phoenix Grange. Master and Mrs. Charles Johnson planned to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and family in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The chairman, Mrs. A. Schroeder, thanked members for helping on the Town and Country breakfast. She reported members of the club decided instead of a gift exchange at the Dec. 17 meeting, to buy rubber toys for retarded children at the Fairview Home. According to a late report by Mrs. Willis House gifts should not be wrapped but to bring wrapping material separately, and comic books are acceptable.

At the next regular Grange meeting Dec. 9, ladies were asked to bring sandwiches for refreshments.

On the display table were souvenirs and mementos collected by Mrs. Christine Dinsmore, who recently returned from the National Grange and a New England tour.

Special committee appointed to investigate the electric wiring in the hall were Melvin Lattie, Olin Poe and Chet Parker. Their report included estimate cost for rewiring and four fluorescent lights in the assembly room. Members voted to hire a certified electrician to do the work. Because of the urgent need for safe and adequate wiring the recommendation of the home economics club to buy three metal tables was deferred to a later date.

Among committee chairmen named were agriculture, Mervin Hixson; legislation, Melvin Lattie; horticulture, Vaughn Quackenbush; Home Economics, Mrs. Sol Cox; and ways and means, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Norton.

Vaughn Quackenbush was in charge of the lecturer hour. He reported on a meeting of the horticulture society in Corvallis. Hybrid work and pear decline were some of the topics discussed. Under his direction, the group sang several numbers and concluded with a grand march and serpentine.

Refreshment committee included Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lattie, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Durmo and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teisheira.

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Transient Gets Three Months

Levi Anson Lewis, 51, transient, who "wanted to be arrested so he would have a place to sleep," Friday afternoon was sentenced in district court to three months in the county jail.

He pleaded guilty in district court Wednesday to charges of trespass to real property. City police said Lewis appeared at the police station Tuesday evening and asked for lodging. After leaving the station, witnesses reported that Lewis broke a window in Stan's Shoe Repair shop, 137 North Central ave., and demanded city police arrest him.

Howard J. Wilkinson, general delivery, Merlin, is scheduled to appear in district court Dec. 3 on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The case was continued to allow Wilkinson to consult an attorney. He is being held in the county jail on \$1,500 bail. Billie Edwards, Grants

Pass. is scheduled to appear in district court Monday on charges of non-support. He requested an attorney. Edwards is being held in county jail on \$1,500 bail.

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