

Influenza Heads List of Communicable Diseases

A total of 323 cases of influenza were recorded by the Jackson county public health department for the week ending April 17, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

This compares to 85 for the previous week and 92 cases two weeks ago. Since the first of this year 971 flu cases have been reported compared to 236 cases for the same period last year. This covers the period from Jan. 1 to April 17, Dr. Merkel said.

German measles rated second in number of cases of communicable diseases reported in the county for the week ending April 17, with a total of 115. Sixty-four of these occurred in Phoenix, 34 in Medford, 9 in Central Point, 3 in Jacksonville, 2 in Gold Hill and one each in Shady Cove, Rogue River and Trail.

Red Measles
Cases of red measles for the same period totaled 25 in the county, of which 15 were in Central Point, 8 in Talent, 6 in Phoenix and one in Ashland.

Five cases of pneumonia were reported - 2 in Ashland and one each in Central Point,

Medford and Phoenix. Twenty-one cases of chicken pox were also reported. Three cases each were reported for Medford and Central Point, 2 each in Jacksonville, Applegate, Ruch and one in Gold Hill.

Three cases of mumps were reported for Jacksonville and one in Medford.

One case of strep throat each were reported in Medford, Ashland and Trail. One case of scarlet fever was noted in Gold Hill and two cases of impetigo in Phoenix.

BULLET IN BRAIN
Columbus, Ga. - (UPI) - Doctors here Friday said a two-year-old Negro girl with a .22 bullet in her brain is conscious, eating and talking. They said "if she keeps progressing we may leave it in for the rest of her life." The child was shot at her home near here and authorities are investigating.

New Rochelle, N.Y. - (UPI) - Walter Helfer, 62, a composer and professor of music at Hunter college died Thursday. A onetime student of Ottorino Respighi while an American Academy fellow in music in Rome, he won the 1938, Padrewski Prize.

Support Firmer For Bill Creating State Power Body

Salem - (UPI) - Support for a state power commission bill appeared firmer Friday after the House Judiciary committee unanimously approved an amendment referring the bill to the people.

The bill will probably be up for a vote in the House Monday.

Under the bill (HB 528) a three man power development commission would be set up. It would have the power to buy, sell, generate and transmit power.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) and others, was sent back to the House Judiciary committee when supporters felt it did not have a chance to pass without the referral clause.

The Judiciary committee, although it adopted the referral amendment unanimously, made no recommendation on the bill when sending it back to the House floor.

Authority of the state to enter into the power business has been in the Oregon constitution since 1932 but neither the Legislature nor the people has ever imple-

Joint Commission For Fish and Game Urged by Skelton

Salem - (UPI) - Kep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) urged Friday that the Legislature merge the state game and fish commissions.

He made the suggestion at a meeting of the Joint Ways and Means committee, which approved budgets of \$8,933,603 for the game commission and \$3,176,489 for the fish commission for the next biennium.

Skelton said he not only would vote against both appropriation bills but would make an effort on the floor of the House to have them returned to the Ways and Means committee.

Too Complicated
Sen. Dan Thiel (D-Gearhart) agreed that such a merger was desirable and predicted it would come eventually, but said the move was too complicated for this session.

"Our sub-committee worked for two months on these two budgets and held countless hearings at which all interested parties testified," Thiel said.

He added that he was "not exactly happy" with them but that they were the best that could be worked out at this session.

Meet For Two Weeks
Committee Chairman Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) proposed at the meeting that a legislative committee meet for two weeks immediately after the general election next year to work on tax and appropriation bills.

He said he believed that would shorten the 1961 session considerably, and suggested that the interim committee be composed of prospective members of the joint ways and means committee and the senate and house taxation committees of the 1961 session.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chairman of the House Tax committee, said he doubted if such a committee could do much in two weeks, and Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) said she did not like the idea of this session's naming committees for the next session.

Sen. Lewis said she preferred a suggestion made earlier by Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) that such a committee be named after the 1961 session had been organized and then have the legislature adjourn for two weeks while the committee worked.

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Epidemic of 'Flu' Not True Influenza
Portland - (UPI) - The state board of health said yesterday that one of the viruses causing a flu-like respiratory epidemic has been identified.

The board said the virus is Adenovirus. It was isolated Thursday from specimens taken from two Portland residents and one Oregon City resident.

Identification confirms belief held by the health board that the current epidemic is not caused by influenza. Health officials said the outbreak, which has struck more than 16,700 Oregon residents, is past its peak in Portland and is at or near the peak elsewhere in the state.

London's Trafalgar Square, which corresponds to New York's Times Square, was begun in 1829. But it was not completed until 1867.

Hazel Ann Hunt, of the Southern Oregon College library.

Made Available
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Maneuverable Space Vehicle In Defense Plans

Las Vegas - (UPI) - The Defense Department has started a long-range project to develop pilot combat vehicles that can maneuver in outer space like fighter planes in the atmosphere.

The improbable name given the manned rocket project is Mrs. V, meaning "maneuverable and recoverable space vehicle."

Work Due Next Year
Details of the next approach yet to a Buck Rogers space ship were disclosed Friday at the first World Congress of Flight by Rear Adm. John E. Clark, deputy director of the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency.

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State Farm Union Charges 'Fumble'

Salem - A charge that the Oregon legislature has "fumbled" a chance for extra tax revenues that could amount to at least \$54 million for the biennium without a sales tax and without increasing income taxes on low incomes is leveled at the legislature by the current Oregon Farmer Union, official organ of the Oregon State Farmers Union.

The farm paper alleges that a "bipartisan coalition, dominated by a few reactionary leaders in both parties, is trying to saddle a sales tax on the state." The Farmers Union has always vigorously opposed a sales tax.

The paper points out that a change in the state income tax, disallowing federal income tax deduction would

produce \$17 million a year. Restoration of the rates existing in 1955-56 would produce at least another \$10 million annually.

"These sources of additional revenues, would provide for the state's revenue needs for a long time to come," the Farmers Union paper adds. "And they would have the virtue of maintaining the Oregon tax system as a genuinely progressive tax system. They prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that it is not necessary to 'broaden the tax base,'" the paper concludes.

REJECTION RECOMMENDED
Washington - (UPI) - A civil aeronautics board examiner has recommended rejection of a British Overseas Airways Corp. request for authority to fly from London to Tokyo via the United States. Examiner Ferdinand D. Moran said Friday the proposed route would drain \$15 million a year in revenue from American air carriers. He said this should not be permitted.

FIRST FOR SPAIN
Madrid, Spain - (UPI) - Spain's first drive-in theater, set up by an American businessman, had its grand opening Friday night. Walter R. Whitver, of Fargo, N. D., conceived the idea and is the driving force behind the operation. Famed bullfighter Luis Miguel Dominguin is the nominal president of the company which built the theater.

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Film Showing to Conclude Library Week Events Here

Concluding local observance of National Library Week the film, "Yours for the Asking" will be presented by KBES-TV at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The film, produced by Washington State library, describes the regional library service which has reached a high point of development in that state, with cities and counties, or groups of counties, joining in order to provide the advantages of large public library systems to the most remote rural areas.

Specialists
The services of specialists in many fields such as research, storytelling, adult education, and music libraries are made possible by such pooling of resources, as is also a much broader and more varied wealth of books than individual libraries could afford. The advantages of bookmobile service which brings these books and services to such isolated places as logging camps, forestry guard stations, Coast Guard stations, and Indian villages are pointed out.

"This picture is a good illustration of the kind of library service towards which the Jackson County library is aiming," Library Director Helen Webster said in presenting it. "Our next step towards the goal will be our application in May for a bookmobile grant. If this is awarded, traveling library service will be available to rural residents of Jackson county next autumn. We would be very glad to receive comments from those who would like to receive such service to forward to the state librarian with our request."

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