

EAGLE EDITORIALS

"MARCH OF DIMES" TO BE USED AGAIN

THE SAME plan of contributing dimes as ammunition in America's fight against the disease, poliomyelitis, will be widely used in connection with the campaign which will reach its climax on President Roosevelt's 58th birthday on January 20.

Birthday greeting cards to the president will be a featured part of the "March of Dimes." The greeting card has been designed for the celebration of the birthday in order to enable hundreds of thousands of citizens to send their contributions direct to the chief executive at the White House and thus show they have individually joined with him in the fight. The card is so designed that it can be mailed to the person receiving it and filled with as many as 10 dimes, sealed, and then mailed direct to the White House. It bears the likeness of a boy on crutches and a girl wearing braces, symbolic of the campaign last year and again this year.

The first "March of Dimes" in 1938 resulted in a total of over \$81,000 in silver coins being sent personally by thousands of people to President Roosevelt for the fund. Last year contributions from every point in the land reached the stupendous proportions of over \$217,000.

The same plan of distributing the funds will be followed in this campaign as last year. One-half of all the contributions will be returned to the counties where raised, the other half going to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. Arrangements have been made so that every contribution, no matter how small, will be duly recorded and one-half will be returned. Furthermore, the portion of the card bearing the sender's name and address will be returned to the county from which it was sent.

To further aid the fund announcement has been made this week that E. M. Bollinger, Vernonia mayor, will be the local chairman in charge of staging the president's birthday ball. The appointment was made by George Caldwell of Clatskanie, county chairman who

stated that the infantile paralysis fund in Columbia county at the present time exceeds \$200. Contributions made will thus serve to give direct aid to those cases of the disease arising in the county.

PLANT STREAMS HAVING SUFFICIENT CAPACITY

SPORTSMEN OF the county meeting last Wednesday at Houlton heard the advancement of ideas for a new set-up of sports organizations for three counties, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook.

As has been the custom in the past each sportsman group has sought the planting of fish in streams in that vicinity whether that stream would be able to provide sufficient water during all months of the year to satisfactorily rear the small fish to a larger size. It has happened that plantings have been made in streams in which water ceased to flow in sufficient volume in summer months to warrant a satisfactory growth of the fish. The idea as advanced at the meeting was to plant fish where the flow of water would maintain itself at a sizeable volume during summer months thereby having the capacity to hatch fish.

Considering the necessity of a sizeable flow of water which remains at a reasonably low temperature all year, tests made of the Nehalem river in 1934 revealed that the river's temperature never exceeded 54 degrees. At the same time the amount of water gave a sizeable flow.

Considering the same topic it has been learned that, in the case of steelhead, fish do not return to the water in which they were spawned to spawn again as a hard and fast rule. Even the salmon doesn't follow that rule absolutely for fish tagged in the Columbia river have been captured in waters near Alaska when returning to spawn.

The idea advanced at the annual meeting of the St. Helens Rod and Gun Club was to attempt the formation of a tri-county club in February at Astoria and seek the planting of fish in waters offering more advantages to the young fish. Those plantings would then be made in larger numbers where losses would be less due to cannibalistic tendencies of the fish themselves and due to other enemies and temperature of the larger volumes of water would aid in keeping more fish alive.

It is to be hoped that efforts directed to increased planting of fish in waters offering greater possibility of survival will meet with success.

POSSIBLY AN EARLY SPRING FOLLOWING A SHORT WINTER

THE POSSIBILITY of an early spring following a short winter has been in evidence in the Nehalem valley for some time it seems. Recently an account was given of the growth of several stalks of asparagus which were produced in the E. D. Benson garden. The growth is somewhat unusual, true, but weather conditions must have been such as to permit that growth else the stalks could not have been cut to be shown friends as Mr. Benson was doing.

Within the last week or two accounts have been made of the sprouting of daffodils which species of flower usually awaits a somewhat later time in this region than January to make its appearance.

To add to indications of spring has been word that pussy willow buds have appeared. Such accounts of growth would certainly indicate that the likelihood of an early spring in the Nehalem valley could not be too far amiss.

members of the commission will be held in Clatskanie at the Odd Fellow hall at 1 p. m. on Saturday, February 10th.

The proposed district would embrace an area of approximately 84 square miles in Columbia county, taking in the city of Clatskanie and surrounding country.

The hydroelectric commission is now making a preliminary investigation and on February 10th will make a report of this investigation and will hear evidence in favor of and against the formation of said district.



Sixty-five percent of the traffic fatalities during January of 1939 were pedestrians, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today in a statement urging motorists and pedestrians to exercise in walking and driving so as to avoid a repetition of this toll this January.

Of the 20 persons killed in traffic accidents a year ago, 13 were pedestrians. Four of these deaths were on rural highways and the rest were in cities with Portland alone accounting for six. Of the seven persons killed in other types of accidents, two died in auto collisions, two in train-auto collisions, two in non-collision accidents and one from carbon monoxide.

Bad weather conditions and long hours of darkness are important factors contributing to auto-pedestrian accidents during January and other winter months, Snell pointed out. On a stormy night, it is often impossible for the motorist to see a pedestrian till too late to avoid striking him, thus the responsibility for the pedestrian's safety must rest largely upon the pedestrian himself, he said.

"One of the common imprudent actions of pedestrians which lead to fatal accidents is the practice of taking a few steps out into the street or highway and then looking for traffic," Snell declared. "If this happens on a dark night and the pedestrian is wearing dark clothes, as is usually the case, an accident may occur. It is much safer to look for cars while you are standing on the curb, always looking to the left first as that is where an approaching car will be nearest."

In one study of pedestrian deaths, made in a large eastern city, it was found that 45.9 percent of the accidents occurred while the pedestrian was less than four steps away from the curb.

MRS. BODELL AND NEW SON RETURN; JOYCE TURNER IMPROVING

STONE POINT—(Special to The Eagle)—The first baby of the New Year, a boy, weight, 7 1/2 pounds, was born January 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bodell at a Forest Grove hospital. The little one has been named Ronald Dave. Mother and baby returned to their home Wednesday, January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carrick were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mrs. Etta Driscoll.

Harold Davis motored to Portland and Saturday on business. Word received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner, states that Joyce is rapidly improving in health at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Alstine in Hines, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Browning motored to Portland Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed of Keasey spent Sunday at the Hillsberry home.

Perry and U. S. Mellinger spent Sunday at Yamhill with their sister, Mrs. Laura Doane.

Duncan Goodwin and George Hadler of Silver Creek, Washington, visited with the Perry Browning family the past week. Mr. Hadler returned to his home but Mr. Goodwin will make an indefinite stay here.

Mrs. Otto Michener motored to Forest Grove last Tuesday and visited her mother, Mrs. J. D. Worth. She returned home Thursday evening.

Delmer Michener returned to the Deaf school at Salem after spending the holidays with home folks.

Elwin and Norman Hillsberry are confined to their home with flu and severe colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis spent Sunday with the Pearl and Paul Blackwell families at Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lindberg and children were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Maude DePue and family.

TWO GIRLS TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN PORTLAND

KEASEY—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Herb Counts spent Friday evening with the Louis Boeck family.

Donald Morris took Lyla Morris and Clarabel Lindsley to Portland Sunday where the girls are starting school.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Counts had as their guests Wednesday for dinner, Mr. Counts' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Counts and son, Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker from Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel DeVaney and Millard Counts from Glenwood.

H. A. DeWitt and Mr. Riggins went to Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker spent Friday night with his uncle, Herb Counts, and family.

Mrs. W. J. Lindsley spent Tuesday in Hillsboro with her sister, Mrs. Ray Darland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Comstock and family visited Sunday with Mrs. Ann Luther and son, Jimmie.

Mrs. G. A. White was in the sick list last week. She is improving now.

Guests at the J. O. DeVaney home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Westernberg of Portland and Verle DeVaney from Ellenberg, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Counts of Roseburg visited their daughter, Mrs. Darrel DeVaney, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lindsley and Sam Smith visited at the W. J. Lindsley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and son, Emerson, made a business trip to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. J. O. DeVaney is visiting in Portland for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. DeVaney visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lindsley in Vernonia Friday evening.

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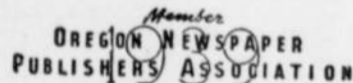
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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

COURT REAPPOINTS ALL SUPERVISORS

The Columbia County court was evidently pretty well satisfied with its appointments of last year and at their first meeting of the year Wednesday continued all appointees in office with one exception.

V. H. Merrifield of Houlton succeeds William Sheets of Clatskanie on the county fair board. Mr. Sheets refused to accept another appointment.

Miss Nettie Alley is again county nurse and J. A. Bacon was re-appointed fruit inspector as was Dr. F. G. Rankin, Bang's disease and herd inspector.

The dog control board was also reappointed with Al Mellis of Mist, Isaac Baumgardner of Warren and E. O. Wyatt of Goble as its members.

The road supervisors as reappointed are: Henry Lang, Seapooose; U. W. Clark, St. Helens; Fred Colvin, Deer Island; Don Parcher, Rainier; Oscar Lindberg, Clatskanie; G. C. Mellinger, Vernonia; Joe Banzer, Mist and J. F. Richardson, Sauvier Island.

COUNTY PROFITS SUM OF \$65,354 IN STATE FUNDS

Treasury of Columbia county is richer by \$39,848, which is the sum allocated by the state from 1939 motor vehicle fund. Distribution of

\$2,234,676 to counties was announced Thursday by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Columbia county was also assured of a \$25,000 road improvement project Thursday, when the state highway commission awarded seven contracts calling for a total expenditure of \$375,000 in Columbia, Deschutes, Klamath and Sherman counties. Buln of this is for the relocation of the East Pacific highway through Albany.

Motor vehicle fund receipts during 1939 totaled \$14,233,609, including \$10,271,167 from gasoline taxes, \$2,959,677 from motor vehicle registration fees, \$979,166 from motor carrier fees and \$23,657 from fines. After distributing the more than \$2,000,000 to counties, the state will use the remainder for construction and maintenance of roads and payments of principal and interest on bonds.

The contract for the highway project in this county was awarded to the Tidewater Company of Astoria. It calls for the expenditure of \$25,506 for surfacing 4.08 miles and oiling 5.45 miles of the Summit Mist section of the Mist-Clatskanie secondary highway. No date has been set for starting the work.

\$4,800 BUILDING TO START SOON

A permit to construct a modern building for the Liberty Tire Shop at the corner of Columbia boulevard and 18th street in West St. of Helens, was issued this week from

the office of City Recorder J. E. Beeler. Cost of the structure is estimated at \$4,800 by the owners Sam S. Sease, L. T. Winkfield, Elsworth Winkfield, Kenneth Winkfield and H. E. Urdike.

ANNUAL CHAMBER ELECTION COMES ON MONDAY EVE

Annual election of officers of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will occur following the monthly dinner meeting to be held in the dining room of the Oreadia hotel at 6:30 next Monday evening.

Walter Ormandy has served as chamber president during the last year. The other officers completing their terms are: vice president, Earl Cooper; treasurer, Clifford C. Gobba; secretary, R. R. Hankins; and directors, A. A. Webber, C. G. Whitlock and O. B. Lusk.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS BASKETBALL TEAM

St. Helens Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a basketball team to be entered in the inter-city league. The team is composed of Earl Hamilton, Ira Hamilton, Wilmar Lampa, Ed Ketel, Leroy Bergman and David Hiatt. All these players were members of the St. Helens high school team, which won the county championship two years ago and were entered in the state tournament.

Clatskanie--

UTILITY DISTRICT HEARING FEBRUARY 10

The Oregon Hydroelectric commission has notified the sponsors of the Clatskanie People's Utility district that a public hearing by