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March of Dimes to Aid in War On Polio

In speaking of the warfare that is being waged against polio in the state, Henry J. Donat, Cass county chairman, is releasing the following from the state headquarters:

More cases of infantile paralysis (polio) have been reported in Nebraska in the past four years than in all of the previous twenty, according to the State Department of Health records. The disease has since 1920 touched more than 3500 Nebraska people—most of them children—leaving hundreds crippled.

Largest Number in 1948
717 cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Nebraska in 1948, according to Dr. W. S. Petty, State Director of Health. This is the largest number ever reported for a calendar year in the state's medical history and represents more than one-third of all cases recorded in the state since 1930.

Only 33 cases had been listed up to the week ending June 25. The incidence rose from 11 for the week ending July 10 to 19 for the week ending July 17. Then, for the next thirteen weeks, from 23 to 60 new cases were reported every week in the largest epidemic in the state's recorded history.

Seventy-three of Nebraska's 93 counties were affected with most of the concentration falling in the eastern portion of the state. Up to December 30 Douglas County had reported 298 cases; Lancaster, 68; Saunders, 23; Dodge, 20; and York, 19. Other counties reporting 10 or more cases included: Adams, Butler, Hall, Kearney, Rock and Scotts Bluff.

Dollars and Dimes Did the Job
Fortunately every county in Nebraska had a chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, made up of local people serving as volunteers in the Foundation's important program. The pledge of these chapters is that "no polio sufferer shall go without the best available treatment and care for lack of funds—regardless of age, race, creed or color." This pledge was fulfilled—Thanks to the dollars and dimes contributed through the March of Dimes, the National Foundation's only means of support.

Emergency Service Stations
Polio epidemics—like floods, floods and tornadoes—are disasters! They require emergency planning, emergency action—and money! The National Foundation, formed in 1938, was ready with plans and money to help Nebraska health authorities meet the critical year of 1948. Many Nebraska's county chapters had already experienced epidemics in previous years.

Our chapters provided money for treatment and care of polio patients who needed financial assistance. They retain 50% of all March of Dimes funds for this purpose. When chapter treasuries run low, such additional funds as are needed are promptly provided from National Headquarters. Many Nebraska chapters exhausted their treasuries this past year and had to have emergency advances to meet their needs. A total of \$256,977.02 over and above that retained from the March of Dimes Campaign by Nebraska county chapters, has been advanced by National Headquarters to county chapters in the state, since 1944.

National Financial Emergency
Because the 1948 epidemic nationally was the second largest in history with 27,484 cases reported to December 18 and the cost of providing care and treatment more costly than ever before, it became evident early that the National Epidemic Aid Fund of the Foundation might not be sufficient to meet the demands. Mr. Basil O'Connor, President, declared a National Foundation financial emergency early in the fall.

Funds Pooled
To help meet the emergency, chapters of the Foundation everywhere were asked to make available any and all funds not then known to be needed locally. In Nebraska, as well as in Iowa, Minnesota, and many other epidemic areas, special state committees were set up to pool any and all unobligated funds from less severely stricken areas for use by their more unfortunate neighbors in other counties. This measure was taken in order to eliminate, insofar as possible, the necessity of drawing against national research reserves and to thus guard against placing in jeopardy this important arm of the National Foundation's attack on polio.

Although 40 Nebraska county chapters contributed \$27,800 to the Nebraska State Pool, it was necessary, in addition, to secure advances from National Headquarters totaling \$65,549.77 during the year of 1948. The National Epidemic Aid Fund was completely wiped out before the year's end. Replenishment depends entirely upon contributions to the March of Dimes this January. Truly, the need was never so great!

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More Hospital Space

As late as 1942 there were only one or two hospitals in Nebraska equipped and willing to accept acute polio cases. Today—thanks largely to the untiring efforts of officers of local chapters of the National Foundation and the sympathetic understanding of a few hospital officials—there are six major hospitals in the state of Nebraska staffed with registered physical therapists and equipped to give modern care to polio patients.

More Trained People
Modern treatment of polio takes many skilled hands. Clinics, seminars, medical conferences and nursing institutes sponsored in Nebraska by the National Foundation, in cooperation with the State Health Department, medical schools, private and state hospitals, have been attended by more than 325 Nebraska doctors, nurses and physical therapists.

Trained Helpers
In both Lincoln and Omaha local chapters of the National Foundation, in cooperation with local hospitals, medical personnel, nursing organizations and physical therapy groups, have sponsored the training of scores of women as Polio Emergency Volunteers, qualifying them to assist with routine hospital care of polio patients, thus releasing busy professional personnel for duties which only they can adequately perform.

To Fight Polio Takes Knowledge
Through scholarships and fellowships financed by the National Foundation, a total of more than 1,760 men and women have been trained in special fields bearing on both infantile paralysis research and treatment. Twenty-one Nebraskans have been trained or are now training under such grants. The group includes 1 public health physician, 4 orthopedic physicians, 2 health educators, 3 medical social workers, 2 orthopedic nurses and 9 physical therapists.

Real Hope Is Research
"When will we be able to stop infantile paralysis?" That is the cry on every patient's heart. Some day the question will be answered—by scientists now striving to unravel the secrets of this baffling disease. Dollars and dimes are financing the search for a solution.

Nebraska Plays A Part
Scientific research is going forward at an increasing rate. By early fall of 1948, a total of 634 research and education grants to 88 institutions had been made by the National Foundation since 1938 involving \$16,282,381.00. Many of these programs are sponsored for long-term periods.

Search for a Solution
The cause of infantile paralysis is a tiny, invisible virus. How it gets into the human body, how it travels once inside, just how it does its damage, what makes it grow and develop—these things are not positively known. Dr. R. G. Gustavson, State Campaign Chairman for the March of Dimes and member of the National Foundation's Medical Advisory Committee, puts it this way: "We have tried a great many things and so far we have not succeeded, and that, to some people, is discouraging; but remember what Thomas Edison said when he told a group of friends that he had tried 4200 different ways to accomplish a certain thing without success, and some one said: 'Aren't you discouraged?' Thomas Edison said: 'No, I know 4200 ways that it can't be done.'"

"So it is with us and infantile paralysis," says Dr. Gustavson. "We know a great many things for many days, she is now running about healthy and normal—but only two years ago her condition would likely have resulted in death."

that are not significant in the disease and all of this gives us a foundation on which some day we will find how to handle this disease."

Dollars and dimes contributed by Nebraskans, helping to sponsor this quest for knowledge, some day may return big dividends when a preventive or cure is found. It is in the field of research that the solution to the mystery of infantile paralysis

To Treat Polio Costs Money
The January 1948 March of Dimes in Nebraska netted one of the highest totals in the state's history—\$295,533.50. Half of this amount—\$147,766.75—was retained by local county chapters.

Polio is one of the most costly diseases known to medicine. Few families can, without hardship, weather the financial storm. That's one of the important reasons for the March of Dimes.

In the case of the little girl mentioned, for instance, the cost was tremendous. This child required special duty nursing the clock around for a long period of time—three 8-hour shifts in a 24-hour period with the rate for special duty nursing in isolation now standing at \$10 for each shift. This was to say nothing of the daily hospital and physical therapy charge of \$9.50 or the fees for the physicians.

1948 Expenditures High
According to "Quick Summary" reports received at State March of Dimes Headquarters, Nebraska county chapters had during the calendar year of 1948 paid, or obligated themselves to pay, a total of \$248,526.87 on behalf of care and treatment of 847 polio patients. This, it will be noted, exceeded by more than \$100,000 the chapters' share from the 1948 March of Dimes. 576 of those assisted were 1948 cases. The remainder were cases carried over from previous years and still needing assistance with medical care.

Of the amount expended by Nebraska chapters in 1948, \$9,657.84 went for hospital equipment, including such things as hot pack machines, respirator repairs, special respirator collars needed in connection with life-saving throat operations, wool for hot packs, treatment tables, exercise mirrors and other needed physical therapy equipment. \$238,869.03 went to assist patients with hospital and medical care, nursing service, physical therapy treatments, ambulance transportation, wheel chairs, crutches, braces, orthopedic surgery, where needed, and other services contributing to modern care and treatment.

Keep Dollars and Dimes at Work
Nebraska chapters are part of a network of battle stations against polio created by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis throughout all forty-eight states.

Summer is the season for polio's traditional attack; winter is the time to prepare the defenses!

Leaves for West Coast Destination

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Ofe, old residents of this city, departed for the west coast the last of the week where they will enjoy an indefinite stay and may make their permanent home in that section. Both have relatives and many old friends living in Washington, Oregon and California and they expect to spend several months in visiting among the old acquaintances before making any permanent plans. Enroute they are stopping at North Platte to visit a cousin of Mrs. Ofe and from there on to Washington where they will visit with the Don McBride family and old friends.

Nebraska contains 77,000 square miles, more than the combined area of the six New England states plus New Jersey and Delaware.

In an attempt to ease a tough traffic situation, the Roman Senate in 250 B. C. passed a law prohibiting women from driving chariots.

Sketch of Life of Albert Murray of Louisville

Albert Murray was born January 18, 1894 on a farm west of Plattsouth, Nebraska, and passed away December 31, 1948 at the age of 54 years, 11 months and 15 days on his farm west of Louisville.

He was united in marriage to Mabel lies on November 8, 1911. To this union was born one daughter, Mildred.

He was united with the Christian church of Plattsouth, November 15, 1914.

Mr. Murray met his untimely death on his farm west of Louisville while at his work.

Surviving are the widow, Mabel, one daughter, Mrs. Arnold Meisinger, two grandsons, Larry and Kenneth Meisinger, four brothers, Leonard C. of Helena, Oklahoma, Chris C. of Louisville, and Guy and Edward of Sumnerfield, Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Isabell Yost of Nebraska City and Mrs. Florence Spangler of Lincoln, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church in Plattsouth with burial at Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. Sherman R. Hanson officiating.

Among those from out of town who attended Mr. Murray's funeral were Mrs. Stanley Miller and son, Dalhart, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murray and family, Hennessey, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. George Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Otto and family, Alva, Oklahoma; Lee Murray, Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murray, Helena, Oklahoma; Ed Murray and sons, Guy Murray and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Heath, all of Sumnerfield, Kansas; Mrs. Isabell Yost, Nebraska City; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Olsen and Fern Spangler, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Unadilla; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murray and family, Cambridge, Iowa; Mrs. Clinnie Murty and Ben Murray, Avarad, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Virtus Haws of Clay Center, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollenbeck and Mr. and Mrs. George Spangler of Weeping Water.

Obituary of Mrs. Wilfred Greenrod

Agnes McCann was born at Unadilla, Nebraska, on June 27, 1919, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann. She came to Avoca and graduated from the Avoca high school.

She was married to Wilfred Greenrod in February, 1938, the family moving to Syracuse in 1941.

She is survived by her husband, two small daughters, Jacqueline and Lana, her mother, Mrs. Harriett McCann; two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Abker, Mrs. Florence Bassett and two brothers, Leo and Matthew McCann. Her father preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Methodist church at Syracuse where the funeral services were held on Thursday. Burial was in charge of Torsing & Son. She died at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha after a lingering illness.

The burial was at the Park Hill cemetery near Syracuse. Pall bearers were: August Bretthorst, Billy Kehlbeck, Godfrey Bauer, Harvey Wall, Norman Cloyd of Syracuse and Henry Smith of Avoca.



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