

## Three New Polio Cases Reported In County Area

Two at Laurel, One On Poly Drive Break Lull of Six Days

A six-day lull in the polio epidemic was broken Monday when three new cases were reported by Dr. E. M. Farr, Yellowstone county health officer.

Two of the cases were those of Laurel brothers, 2 and 3 years of age. The other was that of a 2-year-old boy residing in a home on Poly drive, where two members of his family are ill with infantile paralysis, Dr. Farr said. None of the three children were said to be in critical conditions.

Until Monday there had been no new cases reported in county areas outside the city limits since October 8. With the three Monday the total which have occurred in county rural areas was brought to 22. There have been 23 cases reported within Billings, the last of which occurred Wednesday, according to Dr. A. E. Stripp, city health officer.

Monday afternoon three Billings parents pleaded guilty to a charge of allowing their children to violate the quarantine which has been in effect since October 8. All were fined \$25 each by Police Judge George J. Hutton.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Colonel A. G. Gillian, United States senior surgeon of the bureau of state services, was investigating the polio epidemic and Monday morning and afternoon had conferred with local physicians and health officers and had visited St. Vincent hospital, where an isolation ward has been established for paralysis patients.

The investigation was launched following a meeting Sunday at the city hall. Mayor H. E. Biddinger, who called the conference, located on a map open ditches running through Billings, the city water plant and stockyards, and asked Dr. Gillian to make a study of the city's method of sewage disposal.

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