



**POLIO POSTER KIDDIES GO ON TOUR**—Wanda Wiley of Austin, Tex., right above, poster girl for the 1950 March of Dimes, and Linda Iris Brown, left above, the poster girl in 1949, are among five children who will tour seven Eastern cities this month on behalf of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Their tour is in connection with the 1950 March of Dimes drive, Jan. 16-31. Other children to make the tour are: Donald Anderson, 9, of Warm Springs, Ore., the first polio poster boy in 1948; Nancy Drury, 7, of Louisville, Ky., 1947 poster girl, and Terry Tullos, 5, of Laurel, Miss., 1948 poster boy.

## G. O. P. Will Win Congress Control, Chairman Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Republicans got a prediction from National Chairman Guy G. Gabrielson today that their party will win control of Congress in November.

The occasion was a party gathering, sort of a pocket-size national convention, called to draft a 1950 campaign platform. Gabrielson tied his prediction to an "if" in that connection.

He said that if the GOP comes out with a "definite, sound and convincing" declaration of principles it will strengthen the party in the November voting "and give us once again working majorities in both Senate and House."

Gabrielson also said in welcoming address that Republican senators and representatives will be called upon to "implement our declaration by legislation."

This seemed to put the national chairman at odds with some GOP members of Congress. These members have been insisting that the proposed statement of party principles be couched in such broad terms that it would not affect their votes on bills pending before Congress.

Among others, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) has said any declaration worked out by the Senate policy drafting group of which he is chairman would not deal with specific measures before Congress.

At the same time, Senator Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the conference of all Republican senators, made it plain that any declaration of policy will have to have advance approval of candidates before it is adopted.

The seats of 12 Republican senators are at stake in November and Millikin told a reporter all of them will get a crack at the platform before it goes before the entire Senate Republican membership.

## U. S. Battleship Missouri Stuck In Channel Mud

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 18.—(AP)—The world's largest "stick-in-the-mud"—the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri—clung tenaciously to her Chesapeake bay mudbank near here today and practically dared the Navy to try to pull her off.

Waterfront speculators ventured an opinion that the "Mighty Mo," America's only active battleship, would remain stuck in the mud "for some time" a mile and half north-northeast of old Point Comfort.

Lending emphasis to their belief was a Navy announcement that two very heavy Navy tugs from New York are expected to arrive tomorrow to assist in the rescue operations.

Veterans watermen predicted that the battleship, on whose main deck the Japanese surrendered to end World War II, would be freed only after a sub-channel has been dredged from the main ship channel to the spot where the Missouri lies stranded.

The Navy made two attempts to float the ship yesterday, once shortly after she grounded and again at high tide last night. But a dozen tugs couldn't budge her an inch.

Two fleet tankers removed most of the ship's two million gallons of fuel oil in an effort to lighten her. That didn't help. So they planned to remove her ammunition today.

## Kiwanians Fete Anniversary

Observance of Kiwanis International's 35th anniversary was the program feature of the Roseburg Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

Two huge cakes, enough to serve each member a large piece, were on the head table, and members under 35 years of age were called upon to cut and serve it.

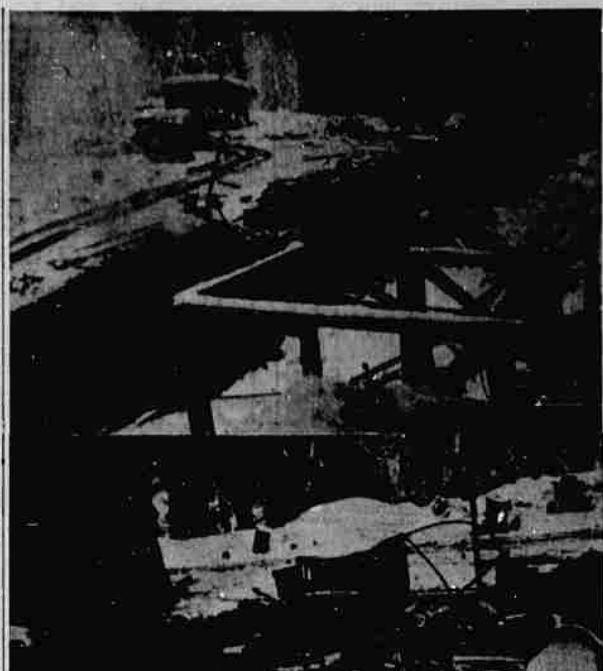
A special feature also was the presentation of a 25-year membership certificate to Matt Campbell. The presentation was made by Rev. W. A. MacArthur.

Horace Berg had charge of the program. He had Jack Wharton, a charter member, review the local club's history since its founding in 1923. George Neuner Jr., whose father was the first district director, read the message of Kiwanis International President J. Hugh Jackson.

A polio drive committee, to head the Kiwanis solicitation of the business district in the March of Dimes campaign, was named by President Maurice Newland. The committee to direct the drive, working with County Chairman Al Henninger, includes Robert Bashford, Charles Kring, Franklin Voyt, George Erickson, Ken Bushey and Bill Tipton.

All members who have not had their pictures taken for the club roster were urged to do so immediately at Miller Moderne studio.

Guests were Tommy Thompson of Portland and J. Roland Parker.



**WAREHOUSE DESTROYED**—Flames Wednesday of last week destroyed the warehouse at California Oregon Power company's Slide Creek unit of Toketee camp. Damage was estimated upwards of \$75,000. The cause of the fire was not known. The top two pictures show the wreckage of the equipment stored in the warehouse the day following the blaze. The lower picture, taken at the height of the fire, about midnight, was snapped just after gasoline from a pump was added to the flames. (Picture by Karl W. Smith).

## Farmers Regarded Fairly Well Off Despite Decrease In Their Income

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

No doubt of it, the rosy glow has faded from the farm scene. But the 1950 outlook is still far from gloomy.

In 1949 the farmer's income fell 16 per cent below 1948. Expert Agriculture Department opinion is that another drop of about the same size will occur this year. Up to now the government's lavish effort to keep prices aloft with its support program has failed to halt the decline.

While prices were at peak levels in 1947 and 1948, the farmer's balance sheet was at its healthiest. In addition to high crop and livestock income, he had the advantage of soaring farm land values. He could invest in new and better machinery, modernize his home, reduce his mortgage and other debts.

Naturally, all these things are lined to income. As that sagged, the farmer's assets in land and equipment began to inch downward in value, and his debts turned upward. Mortgage indebtedness reflected the change most markedly at first.

Now farm real estate is showing it. The Agriculture Department announces that for the year ending Nov., 1949, the value

of the farmer's land sank six per cent from the previous year's levels.

That's the first pronounced drop to hit farm real estate since values hit depression bottom with a thud in 1932-33. In the past year eight states, mostly in the mountain and Pacific coast areas, suffered declines of 10 per cent or more. Only five had gains, and none except New Jersey reported an advance of more than 2 per cent.

The government thinks farm land prices will fall still further this year. But it doesn't expect the decline to match that in the farmer's shrinking income.

Bad as all this sounds, the department sees no real cause for alarm. Most farm prices still are well above prewar figures. Farm debt is far from staggering. And land values are about double the 1935-39 average.

Compared to his cousin of the 1920's and 1930's, the farmer of 1950 still looks like a pretty lucky fellow. And all signs suggest he'll be able to keep out of serious trouble for many months to come. Furthermore, with population still climbing, his long-range prospects appear unusually bright.

## Chrysler Pension Proposal Fails To Satisfy Workers

DETROIT, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers union doesn't care for the conditions of Chrysler corporation's 0100-a-month pension offer.

So today there was strike talk. The union's negotiating committee, representing 89,000 Chrysler production workers, turned down the proposal as "completely inadequate" and prepared to give the corporation a seven-day strike notice.

That action was in prospect today as the union and company took up a tenth straight day of pension negotiations.

The Chrysler proposal, second to be made to the union by a major automobile manufacturer, was similar in several respects to the one the UAW accepted from the Ford Motor Co. last September.

Both would pay each retired worker \$100 a month, including social security benefits. Both set the retirement age at 65.

Chrysler's plan required only 25 years' service for eligibility, compared to 30 years for Ford. One Chrysler-UAW issue was over financing of the plan.

Robert W. Conder, Chrysler Labor Relations director, said the company was basing its offer on its "promise to pay." He added:

"We believe the solvency of Chrysler Corp. is good."

UAW negotiators objected because the company:

1—Wanted the new contract to run five years with reopening on the wage issue only once a year.

2—Failed to commit itself to a "fixed contribution in cents per hour into a trust fund to guarantee pensions on an actuarially sound basis."

3—Made no provision for union participation in administration of the pensions.

4—Offered only a "sham" proposal on insurance and medical hospital care.

So far the union has not talked pensions with General Motors Corp., largest of the auto industry's "big three."

## Chorus Of Thirty Ministers Dated

The Gospel Gleemen, a unique male chorus of thirty ministers, will present a sacred concert Thursday, Jan. 25, at 8:00 p.m., in the Roseburg high school gym.

The Gospel Gleemen serve as local pastors of Evangelical United Brethren churches throughout Oregon and Washington.

Organized since 1942, they have made nine concert tours on the west coast during the years following.

In the fall of 1948, the Gleemen made a national tour to a church conference at Johnstown, Pa., presenting 42 concerts in colleges, churches and civic auditoriums, and traveling 10,000 miles.

The Gospel Gleemen concert is free to the public. Reserved seat tickets will be available, free of charge, at Nielsen's market in the south end; Fairhaven market in the south end; Fairhaven market in North Roseburg, and the Umpqua Valley Hardware for the downtown district.

The concert is sponsored by the North Roseburg church, in cooperation with the Roseburg Ministerial association.

An early measurement was the "hand"—the distance across the palm—and is still used in determining the height of horses.

## Local News

**Guild to Meet**—Forsythe Guild of the First Presbyterian church will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Luella Cunningham, 842 South Stephens street.

**To Celebrate**—Roseburg chapter, Oregon Eastern Star will celebrate its 64th birthday at a meeting and program Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Masonic temple.

**Club to Meet**—The Helping Hands club of Edenbower will meet Thursday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Cecil Harris, 1920 Eden lane.

**All-Day Meeting**—The Lazy Day Sewing club will hold an all-day meeting beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. Russell Bailor. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

**Mineral Club to Meet**—The Umpqua Mineral club will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the K. of P. hall. Those interested in mineralogy or fossil collecting are invited.

**Meeting Postponed**—Douglas Court No. 18, Order of Amaranth social planned for Saturday night has been postponed on account of the bad weather conditions.

**Joint Installation**—Joint installation of officers of Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the K. of P. hall. The installation will be preceded by a 6:30 o'clock potluck dinner to honor members having birthdays in the last three months.

**Woman's Society to Meet**—The Woman's Society will meet at a 1:30 o'clock dessert luncheon on Thursday at the First Presbyterian church with Mrs. Earl Plummer as hostess chairman. Mrs. Edwin G. Young will give a book review during the program hour. Mrs. J. E. Pinkerton, president, will conduct the meeting. All women of the church are invited.

**Meeting Changed**—The Jolly Circle club meeting has been changed from Jan. 18, to Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. Manning providing the weather and roads are improved.

**Society to Meet**—The Woman's Society of the First Baptist church will meet at 1 o'clock Thursday at the church parlors. Work for the new year will be started. All women of the church are invited.

**Alpha Iota Chapter**—Alpha Iota chapter, Beta Sigma Phi will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Rosa B. Parrott on South Cobb street. Miss Parrott will present the program on sculpture. Miss Helen Casey and Mrs. Sidney Domenico are program chairmen and Mrs. Robert Phillips and Mrs. Craig Short are hostesses.

**To Plan Bouquet**—Camp Fire Guardians and Bluebird leaders are asked to attend a meeting Jan. 26, at 7:30 o'clock at the First Christian church to make plans for the father-daughter banquet. Mrs. Jack Chapman will be guest speaker for the Bluebird leaders. All members are asked to attend the meeting.

**Wins Prize**—Mrs. Nellie Baird, a Civil war veteran's widow of this city, was the recipient of a Wool of the West Sista lap robe presented to her by the radio program, "Ladies First" of Hollywood, when she was chosen as their shut-in for the day recently. Her name was sent in by a granddaughter, Barbara Cole, of Oakland, Ore.

**Leaves For California**—Mrs. William H. Fredericks (Shirley Carter) and baby son, Bobby, have left for Napa, Calif., to join Mr. Fredericks and make their home, following a visit here since Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carter, on Military street. Mr. and Mrs. Carter took Mrs. Fredericks and baby to Eugene, where they took the train for the south. Mr. Fredericks is employed on a newspaper in Napa.

## Births At Mercy Hospital

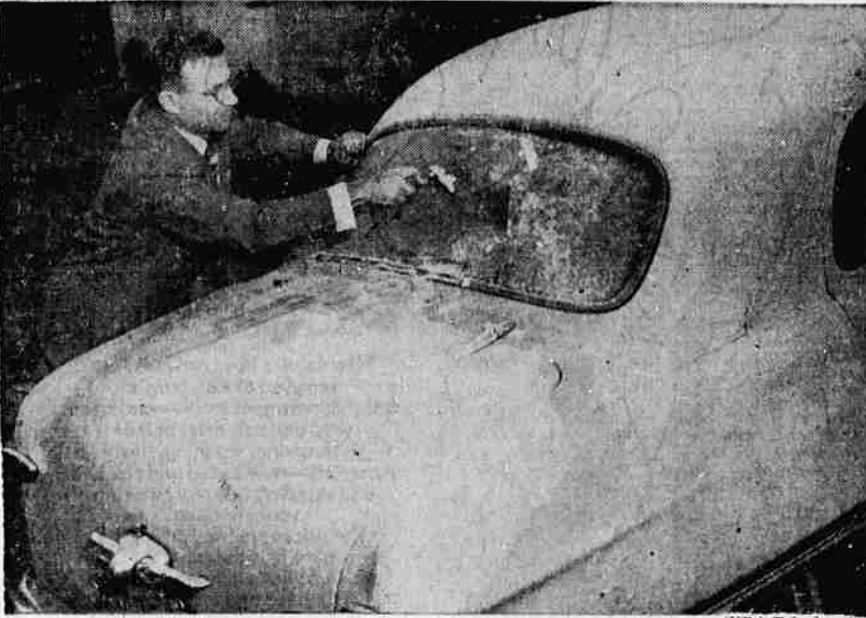
**PRIEVETTE**—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Prievette, Box 172, Canyonville, Jan. 16, a daughter, Tanya Rae; weight seven pounds.

**HOWARD**—To Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lee Howard, route 3, Box 80, Roseburg, Jan. 15, a son, Webster Rex; weight six pounds six ounces.

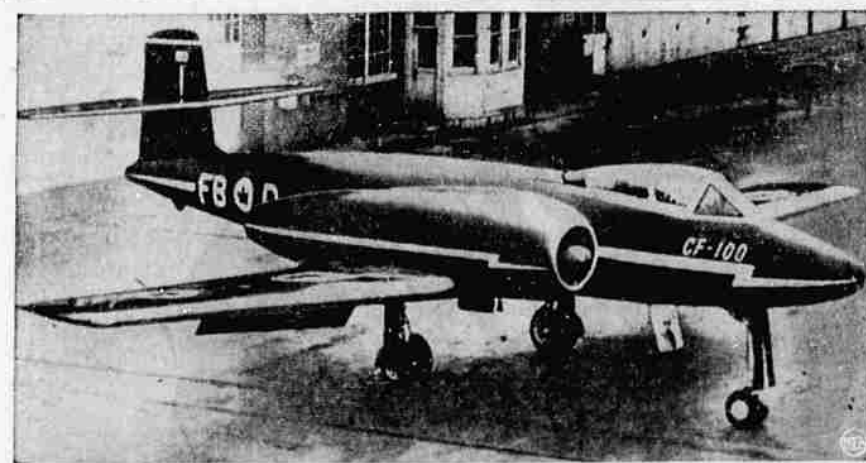
**BAYLESS**—To Mr. and Mrs. William Kenneth Bayless, Myrtle Creek, Jan. 15, a daughter, Jean Marie; weight seven pounds nine ounces.

**PITMAN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ormus Pitman, Gen. Del., Roseburg, Jan. 16, a daughter, Jennetta Faye; weight six pounds three ounces.

The yard originally was based on the distance from the tip of the nose to the ends of fingers on an outstretched arm.



**MOST UNUSUAL**—It's a fine thing when a fellow has to scrape ice from the car before starting to work. In San Francisco, which, according to latest maps, is in sunny California.



**CANADA CLAIMS "MOST POWERFUL FIGHTER PLANE"**—This long-range, all-weather fighter—the CF-100—built for the Royal Canadian Air Force, is said to be the most powerful fighter plane in the world. The plane, seen in Ottawa, is Canada's first front-line fighter.

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