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The Ptolemaic System was the This will be more than 65 per cent below the present annual average of 50,000.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suit Filed
OGLE — Lillian M. vs. Steve H. Ogle. Cruelty charged.

Divorce Decrees Granted
HANSEN — Mable Elaine from Henry Brun Hansen. Plaintiff granted custody of two minor children and \$100 monthly support. Properly disposition approved.

LEWIS — Frances Louise from Archie Raymond Lewis.

Forest Camps' Upkeep Requires More Money

A serious condition affecting the recreational camp sites of the national forest was brought to the attention of the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council at its regular monthly meeting at the Cottage Grove Rod & Gun Clubhouse.

It was pointed out that the dilapidated conditions found in the forest camps were caused from the lack of funds to carry out a proper rebuilding program. It was stated that one national forest, whose recreational camps were used by over 25,000 people in one year, was expected to maintain and police all the camp sites in this forest's boundaries on an annual budget of \$5000. A committee was appointed to investigate and bring its recommendations to correct this situation. Those appointed on the committee were Bruce Yeager, Roseburg, chairman; Kenneth Gilkeson, Roseburg; Ray Vincent, Cottage Grove; Bill Pitney, Roseburg; and Ernie Seaton, Drain.

George Meyers of Yoncalla reported on the council's educational program in the schools. The council is presently showing four conservation pictures in the public schools of Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Roseburg and Canyonville. The pictures now being shown are "Clean Waters," "The River," "Elk for the Future" and "Realm

Mountain Snow Cover Doubt Normal Years

Recent storms have given Oregon's 1952 water supplies a big boost toward recovery from the severe summer drought, according to the preliminary water supply outlook issued cooperatively by the soil conservation service and the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

Results of the annual snow survey show that the mountain snow cover on Jan. 1 was more than twice as heavy as normal for this date. Surveys of three representative Oregon streams revealed above normal winter flow, reported W. T. Frost, hydraulic engineer for the soil conservation service.

Reservoir water supplies are less than last year in 14 of 29 reservoirs reported, but the heavy snow cover is expected to partially offset this shortage. Reports from 12 stations indicate that water