

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pre
Jan. 24	40	29	.00
Jan. 25	53	30	.12
Jan. 26	46	31	.00
Jan. 27	54	29	.05
Jan. 28	55	29	.00
Jan. 29	53	32	.00
Jan. 30	61	41	.02

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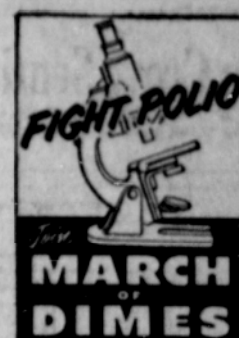
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Parents Flunk First Day at School As 'Papas Take Over' PTA Program

Grade school PTA was turned into "Papas Take Over" Monday night at Jefferson with an all-male program, and parents flunked their first day at school.

The women, believing that "fathers are parents, too" turned over the evening to the men. Highlight of the program was a talk by Dr. Victor F. Phelps of the extension division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Program chairman Milt Turay had the audience guessing for a while when he feigned ignorance of being in charge. But after some scurrying around he and his committee went "to get some jokes down the hall."

The audience of some 200 parents, dotted strongly with men, expected a gag, but the program turned out to be educational, with parents chagrined at flunking their first day at school.

Dr. Phelps came into the room with his screen and slide projector, followed by his extension class on "Reading Readiness" made up of grade teachers.

Flashes Symbols
He flashed what looked like hieroglyphics on the screen and asked parents if they could read them.

"You use these words every day and have meanings for them," he said.

The symbols on the screen proved to parents just what words look like to the first grader when he enters school.

What followed was pictures and a story in the same strange symbols of Mrs. Skunk and her two little skunks, In and Out. In was out, so Out was sent out to bring in In. He said he found In because instinct (In stinked).

This brought hilarious laughs from the parents, but when they were asked to read the story by the symbols, only two or three could do it. (And a woman sitting close by said they probably had heard it before.)

Serious Side
The serious side to the lesson on the first days in school was that all printed language is symbolic, according to Dr. Phelps.

"Children are not expected to learn to read at first. Just look what you did," he said.

Therefore, he continued, parents should not complain when their children do not learn to read the first few days in school.

Dr. Phelps went on to explain that a writer cannot give the

Student Panel Will Discuss Foreign Policy

A panel of three University of Oregon students from Germany, Pakistan and Portland, Oregon will speak on "As Others See Our Foreign Policy" before Business and Professional Women's club Monday night. The occasion is the monthly dinner meeting at the Methodist church.

In charge of the meeting are Mrs. Dorothy Schaffner and Mrs. Beulah Morgan, co-chairmen of the International Relations and United Nations committees.

The students are Peter Behnke of Germany; Mohammad Chaudhri of Pakistan; and William Lees of Portland, all political science students.

Brief sketches of the panel members are as follows:

Peter Behnke, 24, is a free-lance journalist. He served in the German navy during World War II. He received his education at the Theological College, Wuppertal; Wells Shire, England; Oxford, England, and Bonn University, Germany.

Mohammad Chaudhri, 24, was one of the many refugees transferred from India to Pakistan at the time of partition. He was educated at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his degree in Foreign Affairs. He intends to go into the diplomatic service of his native country.

William Lees, by coincidence also 24, plans to enter law practice or go into the foreign service. He served in the navy from 1944 to 1949 in editorial and public relations work. He is a graduate student in International Relations and expects to enter law school in the East next fall.

Botanist Tells Garden Enthusiasts Of New Fertilizers, Pest Control Aids

Dr. John Hanley of Seattle, noted horticulturist, author and lecturer, spoke on what he called his favorite subjects, fertilizers and bugs, to almost 100 Cottage Grove garden enthusiasts at the Armory Tuesday afternoon.

Council to Hear Proposed Outline For Cost Survey

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council will be held Monday night, February 4, when an outline for a revised sewer and water system cost survey made by a Corvallis engineering firm is expected to be presented.

The first report was ordered revised by the council after fire requirements of Lorane Valley Lumber Co. and W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. were changed. The former no longer requires water in quantity, while the woodard mill, which purchased the large Lorane Valley mill, has announced it now needs from the city only water for domestic or sanitary use. It is supplying its own system for fire protection.

Cost Study
It is expected that cost analyses and rate studies will be made by the firm on the present sewer and water systems over a period of the past few years in order for the engineers to estimate costs of a new system. City Engineer L. W. Coiner said these figures were available to the firm at any time. Increases in the minimum charge for water are expected to be studied as a means to pay off the \$400,000 sewer bond issue and a proposed water system bond issue, amount of which is not yet determined.

LOCAL C OF C SECRETARY ATTENDS PORTLAND MEET

Jean Gilliland, Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce secretary, attended the secretary's session of the C of C conference held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland Tuesday, January 29.



Pop The Popcorn Man Has Secret... Hidden 'Brain' for Divining Rod

"Pop" Hands, the kindly man at the popcorn and candy stand uptown, has a secret he guards carefully, even from the boisterous and lovable children who crowd around each afternoon about 4 with their dimes and nickels. To them it's a big mystery, a wonder indeed.

The secret is what Pop calls the "brain" — the element that glues together two pieces of wood giving it divining power. The power of course works only for some people, those with the right body response.

Pop has worked for the last two years on his divining rod and "indicators." Now, he says, they are perfected. The oblong pieces of wood are marked "Silver," "Gold," "Oil," "Coal" and "Copper." Between the two pieces of wood is the secret element that makes the whole thing possible.

Pop has a rod, a long slim copper rod with just two plain thin oblong pieces of wood at each end. He holds one end firmly in his right hand as he puts one of the other pieces marked with the metals' names around the other end, fastening it tightly with a rubber band.

Brain Works
Then the "brain" plus Pop's unusually good body reaction, sets to work. He tossed a few copper pennies on the chair beside him. He put the two glued pieces of wood marked "Copper" on the end of his stick. Then holding the stick firmly yet not too tightly in his right hand he moved it over the pennies. The stick, as if by magic, started bobbing up and down rhythmically.

It worked the same way for silver coins, over your reporter's

Robinson Brings Back 'Unity' Ideas From 4-H Session Held at Corvallis

C. J. Robinson of Cottage Grove, president of the newly formed 4-H Leaders association, attended sessions for leaders at Oregon State College last week, bringing home ideas on unity in 4-H work, ideas he already had put into practice himself.

A greying, kindly man whose main interest in his retired years is youth, Mr. Robinson took over the Silk Creek club only about two years ago. He put to work what he calls "the democratic way of life that creates unity."

At the Corvallis sessions, he said in an interview, many leaders who spoke de-emphasized awards such as pins and ribbons and concentrated on pointing youth toward good citizenship.

"Speakers' topics were on child improvement," he said. He cited the talk of Miss Joy Hills, director of teacher education and certification, Oregon State Department of Education, who said that it was very foolish of a teacher to keep just ahead of the class, because sometime a very bright child will trip him up. She also said that a class also will always have a "Sad Sack," and that when a teacher breathes a sigh of relief to be rid of one, in comes another.

Believes in Unity

Mr. Robinson himself said other leaders had often called him "radical" for de-emphasizing ribbons. However, he explained, he be-

Anlauf-Curtin Bridge Works Open for Bids

The State Highway Commission will hold its next regular meeting in Portland on January 31 and February 1, and receive bids on 25 highway, bridge and rock production projects, involving an estimated expenditure of \$3,800,000.

Included are the following projects in Douglas county:

Near Anlauf on the new relocation of the Divide-Anlauf section of the Pacific Highway, the construction of 2 reinforced concrete bridges is called for on a connection between the new route and the existing highway. One structure, 135 feet in length, is to carry the connecting road over the main highway, while the other, 250 feet long, is to carry the connecting road over the Southern Pacific Company tracks and Pasco Creek. These structures will provide separation of directional traffic and elimination of grade crossings in the interests of traffic safety, and are correlated with the modern standards of limited access highways to which the new Pacific Highway relocations are being constructed.

The commission will receive bids for the construction of a 200-foot reinforced concrete bridge over Bear Creek on the new relocation of the Divide-Anlauf section of the Pacific Highway near Curtin. This structure is designed to carry the new highway over the creek and an existing county road and is correlated in design to provide separation of cross traffic as well as to provide a stream crossing.

A public auction will be held starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 12, by the State Highway Commission to sell to the highest bidder buildings and equipment belonging to families whose property was taken for right of way for the new Pacific Highway.

The auction will begin at the W. E. Pynch place and continue south. Homes, barns and furniture of the following persons will be auctioned: Pynch, Landon's, Medicine Auto Court, Lloyd Griggs, Edwin Becker, De Eava Gibson, Orville Hodge, Eldon Thompson and R. B. Bewley.

The commission announced sales would continue more than one day if necessary. (See ad in other part of paper for more details).

SPECIAL OPS AGENT IN CITY TO CHECK FILINGS

Kermit J. Osness, special agent of the enforcement branch of the Portland district OPS office was in Cottage Grove recently making a check of service trades which are delinquent in filing their price ceilings with the OPS office. Osness said these filings should have been made last June.

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a public card party Wednesday, February 6, in order to raise funds to send two local girls to Girls' State in the spring. The names of the candidates will be announced later.

The party will be held at 8 p.m. at the IOOF hall. A silver offering will be taken. There will be tables of pinocle, canasta and bridge, with door prizes to be given. Refreshments also will be served.

Forest Oddity



Pictured above is 50 inch long antler sticking out of tree in Lorane area by loggers. From number of rings on cut part of trunk guess was made that it belonged to elk, had probably been there over 100 years.

4-H Leaders Assn. Will Meet Feb. 5

Members of the South Lane 4-H Leaders association will hold their first sessions since organizing at Latham school on February 5.

Report will be made by the by-law committee and presentation will be made of the proposed rules and regulations to guide the group. Members of the committee who met recently to form them included C. J. Robinson, Mrs. George Woodworth and J. W. Lickiss.

The program committee also will make a report, giving a draft of the work the association hopes to cover in meetings. This group which met recently included Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Levita Floyd and Mrs. Jeanne Morton, chairman.

Local Man Named To Study Forest Camp Conditions

Ray Vincent, Creswell orchardman, is a member of a committee studying remedies for dilapidated conditions found in recreational forest camp sites. Mr. Vincent, along with four others, was named to the group at a recent meeting of the Umpqua Basin Conservation council held at the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun clubhouse.

Other members are Bruce Yeager, Roseburg, chairman; Kenny Gilkenson and Bill Pitney, both of Roseburg, and Ernie Seaton, Drain.

It was pointed out that the bad conditions found in the national forest camps was 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 26,000 people in one year, was expected to maintain and police all the camp sites in this forest's boundaries on an annual budget of \$5000.00. The committee was appointed to investigate and bring in recommendations to correct this situation.

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 of the Wild."

The council was warned to be alert in the matter of the Pelton Dam on the Deschutes river. This proposed dam was said to be injurious to salmon runs. It was further pointed out that this dam was being considered and was given support by the federal government over the protests of the Oregon Fish commission and the Oregon Game commission and might develop into a fight over state rights.

Mr. Hi Hash, president of the council, announced that the next meeting of the council would be held in Drain on February 15.

Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Benefit Card Party Feb. 6

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Hundreds Attend Githens Opening; C. of C. Honors Company at Luncheon

Grand Opening of the new, modern building housing the Githens Lincoln-Mercury was held Tuesday night, January 29 and Wednesday, January 30. Several hundred persons viewed the structure and saw the new 1952 Mercury automobiles.

Ceilings Fixed On West Coast Wood Products

Dollar-and-cent ceilings on fir, hemlock, pine, cedar and redwood plywood were announced Thursday, January 31, by Carl C. Donagh, Portland district director of the Office of Price Stabilization. The ceilings, applied to direct mill sales of standard grades, will become effective February 4 west of the "105th meridian," or west of the Rockies.

The OPS regulation 122, takes into consideration soundness of the product, kind of wood, and whether it is treated for inside or outside use.

Plywood Affected
About 80 plywood mills will be affected by the order which specifies prices in units of 1,000 square feet.

Douglas fir plywood, for example, graded sound on both sides and sanded will have a ceiling price at the mills as follows:

Interior, 1/4 inch, three ply, \$124

Exterior, 1/4 inch, five ply, \$266

Ceilings on less than carload lots are 10 percent higher than on carload lots, and the regulation defines a direct mill sale as a sale which originates at the producer's mill, no matter whether the seller is a mill operator, wholesaler, retailer, distributor or not.

Veneer termed "technical plywood" which must meet special requirements of the armed forces is not governed by the order.

Complete details of mill plywood ceiling prices are being distributed to the industry and chambers of commerce.

Douglas Fir Plywood
Ceiling Prices per 1000 sq. ft. (Sanded 2 sides)

Interior, 1/4" 3-ply \$124 97

Exterior, 1/4" 3-ply 136 109

Interior, 1/4" 5-ply 242 215

Exterior, 1/4" 5-ply 266 239

Douglas Fir, Western Pine
Interior sheathing (unsanded)

5/16" 3-ply \$79

5/8" 5-ply 138

Douglas Fir Green Veneer
1/10", face \$30.30, core \$10.10

1/8", face \$36.00, core \$12.00

1/6", core \$16.00

3/16", core \$18.30

1/5", core \$19.70

New Water Line Nears Completion

New water pipeline extending about 3100 feet from the east side reservoir is about ready for hook-up, City Engineer L. W. Coiner said this week.

Excavation work for the new 14 inch steel line began December 31, with final completion and hook-up expected to be completed in about two weeks. Hook-ups to the present line will be made at East Madison and 16th streets and at the west side of the city park. The line also will have to be hooked to the reservoir.

and backfill work is yet to be done.

With the completion of the line, which parallels an old wooden line, there are now two ways for water to come into town. In case the old line should give out before it is replaced, water still can come via the new line after the hook-up.

Mrs. June Bird To Serve as Registrar For Local Voters

Mrs. June Bird will serve as registrar for the convenience of voters during the coming elections. Mrs. Bird will be at the office of Andrews and Hill, 709 Main street from now until further notice. Those who have moved into the community, or from one community to another, have become 21 years of age since the last election will need to register, if such persons expect to cast a vote in either the primary or general election. Also married ladies, who may have changed their names since the last election.

If you register here, it will save you a trip to the county seat.

A program, transcribed for broadcast Tuesday night from the new building, included congratulatory talks by W. A. Woodard, president of Woodard Lumber Co.; Miles Wicks of Wicks Electric, Gust Liljgren and Hilding Liljgren, loggers, and Sid Bales of Bohemia Lumber Co.

Officials Talk
Also giving short talks were Floyd Githens, president of Githens Motors, Inc., William F. Githens, his son and manager of the new dealership; Larry Brice, sales manager and D. A. Merrell, parts manager.

Flowers sent in honor of the opening by local people were displayed.

All day Wednesday crowds thronged through the large, lighted showroom and saw the modern, convenient service department and streamlined offices.

Mrs. Neil Gwyn and Mrs. Larry Brice, wives of company employees, were in charge of serving coffee and doughnuts to guests.

Present for the affair from out of town were officials of the Lincoln-Mercury division of the Ford Motor Co. from Seattle. They were Clinton L. Hostetler, district manager; Richard Chaney, field sales manager, and Floyd F. Frakes, manager of the administrative department.

C of C Has Program
The Chamber of Commerce honored Mr. Githens and his son, Wil-

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Mills Mortuary Will Establish Service in Drain

Mills Mortuary has announced the opening of a second establishment, Mills Funeral Service, to be located in Drain.

Property belonging to the Drain Methodist church and used as the parsonage has been purchased, and as soon as details are completed equipment and stock will be installed.

Both establishments will be managed by the Mills families, and it is planned to place a resident attendant in the new place in the near future.

Present plans call for a large display room, an office and a slumber room. An apartment is available in the building for the attendant. Future plans call for addition of a chapel, family room, preparation room and music room.

Centrally Located
Drain, being centrally located, will enable the Mills' to render complete services to the entire north Douglas county area, including Drain, Elkton, Yoncalla and other localities.

The Mills family has been serving south Lane and north Douglas communities since the Cottage Grove location was purchased by Karl K. and Elizabeth H. Mills in 1912. Their son and daughter-in-law, Robert G. and Lois Mills, have been associated with them since 1945. Both men are licensed embalmers and funeral directors and are well known in this area. Both ladies are licensed funeral directors, and it is the policy of the firm that one or both ladies assist in all services regardless of

Karl Mills is a past state president of the Oregon Funeral Directors' association and has been engaged in the profession since 1905. He is a graduate of the Barnes School of Sanitation and Anatomy in Chicago.

Robert Mills is a graduate of the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science, and is a veteran of World War II.

Recorder Reminds Would-Be Peddlers Of Canvassing Law

D. J. Allen, city recorder, issued a reminder this week to solicitors and peddlers that Cottage Grove has a Green River ordinance making residential canvassing unlawful.

With the advent of nicer weather, he said, there is always an influx of persons trying to make house to house sales of various merchandise. It is this that prompted the reminder, he added.

The ordinance governing canvass of the business area is based on a per diem charge governed by the cost of the article being sold.