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The Weather
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	High	Low	Pre.
July 24	79	48	.00
July 25	77	38	.00
July 26	88	46	.00
July 27	87	53	.00
July 28	89	53	.00
July 29	88	49	.00
July 30	86	46	.00

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Release of Water From Dams To Solve Low Water Problem

The Army Engineers will begin this week to release upstream storage from Cottage Grove, Dorena and Fern Ridge reservoirs to augment the low water flows in the Willamette river during the current low water season.

In Cottage Grove recently one riverside resident complained to city council about the danger of polio from the extremely low level here. Investigation by engineers showed irrigation pumps and sewer pipes out of water. Two factors here contributed to unusually low level, the fact that water had not yet been released from the dam and also that a large amount was being diverted to fill a mill pond. The release of water here will probably correct this situation for the rest of the season.

Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer, said this year's schedule, which will begin August 2, is predicated on using 28,500 acre-feet of storage in Cottage Grove reservoir, 66,000 acre-feet in Dorena and 81,000 acre-feet in Fern Ridge to yield a dependable flow of 3,650 second-feet at Albany.

The release of upstream storage last year brought about a dependable flow of about 3,000 second-feet at Albany. Next year the flow below Salem is expected to be doubled with the addition of some 160,000 acre-feet of storage at Detroit Dam, Colonel Lipscomb said.

More for Farmers

Water from the three completed units of the Corps of Engineers' Willamette Valley project, having an ultimate total of 19 dams and reservoirs, will provide greater depths for transporting logs down river and make more water available for the use of farmers.

The increased flow will also alleviate the pollution problem, resulting from continued low river stages, and thus benefit fish life.

This year's schedule calls for releasing water from Cottage Grove reservoir on the Coast Fork Willamette, Dorena on the Row River and Fern Ridge on the Long Tom concurrently in the interest of maintaining as high a pool elevation at the respective reservoirs for recreation.

The schedule of water releases will be subject to alteration, predicated on dry weather and low water conditions. It will be reviewed weekly in the light of prevailing weather conditions and the volume of stream flow and revisions made accordingly.

Bank Protection

Bank protection work on the river channels below Cottage Grove and Dorena reservoirs limits the discharge from these two projects.

The water releases at each reservoir will be made in a manner that affords the greatest benefits to water users while causing the least inconvenience possible to recreation interests and to contractors doing bank reclamation work, Colonel Lipscomb said.

While clearly subordinate to the interests of farmers, lumbermen and conservationists, recreation interests have an allotted place in the comprehensive development plan which the Army Engineers feel must be protected to a reasonable extent.

Park Band Concert Scheduled Aug. 6

The advanced student band, under the direction of Ted Havlicek, will present the first in a series of summer band concerts at the city park Wednesday, August 6. The concert, which will last about an hour, will begin at 8 p.m.

Students have been practicing about a month for the event. The summer program is part of the youth recreation project here and is sponsored jointly by the school districts and the Recreation committee.

Lists Program

The program for the concert is as follows: "Light Cavalry Overture," von Suppe; "Stout Hearted Men," Romberg; "Tea for Two," Youmans; "Pop Goes the Weasel," novelty; "A Trumpeter's Lullaby," Anderson, with Stenis Stokes giving a cornet solo.

Other numbers include "Zacatecas," Codina, a Mexican march, and "Invincible Fidelity March," Fradenek.

Mr. Havlicek advised spectators to bring their blankets to sit on the ground, as there probably would not be enough benches to go around.

The James Bridges family attended the Long family reunion picnic at the city park July 20. This is the first time the Ed Long family had been together in 21 years.

Council May View Water Bond Issue At Aug. 4 Session

City Council will meet in regular session Monday night, August 4, and may be able by then to consider one of the major issues facing the people today—the new water distribution system bond issue.

George Macready, of the Civic Committee, which had been given the initiative petition to call a \$275,000 bond issue election, said Wednesday he hoped to have it circulated and signed by the required number of 30 legal voters before the council meeting.

The council gave the petition to the Civic Committee because it was active some time ago in pressing for a new water system here in an effort to aid industry especially.

Group Head Aids

Macready said that Floyd Githens, head of the committee, was going to aid him in the project. The petition was handed the group several weeks ago.

Several councilmen had expressed the hope that a special election could be held on the issue yet this summer. However, it now looks like it might have to wait until November. Others have indicated the issue would get a bigger vote in the fall elections.

A new water distribution system would include the laying of new pipes to replace old, antiquated ones thruout the city and also would mean increasing the capacity of the reservoir from the present 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 gallons as required by the rating bureau.

Sees Rating Bureau

Fire Chief Ernest Shipley said this week that while on his recent vacation he had consulted with the rating bureau in Portland. He said he was told to notify it when the water system bond issue passed and when the new system was to be started, as this would definitely affect a new rating for the city, thus reducing fire insurance rates. Water is first on the list of points to be considered in rating. The fire department is second, with communications third.

Other Projects

Other large projects going on, which the council will probably hear a progress report on Monday from the city engineer, include the paving of Tenth and Taylor, the laying of sewer lines in new districts formed thruout the city, and the progress of the sewage disposal plant northeast of town. Another project underway is construction of a bridge across Silk Creek at the end of M street to provide an entrance to the new Oak Park Addition.

Row River Paving Contract Is Let

Largest road contract recently awarded by the Lane County Court includes paving of 4.74 miles of the Row River road from just east of Cottage Grove to near Dorena Dam, Acme Construction Co. bid of \$74,930 was accepted.

Other jobs let include supplying of rock for Dorena rock production project to Cottage Grove Sand and Gravel, \$4250.

Police Chief Trains With "Timberwolves"



U. S. Army Photo

Sgt. Carl E. (Ed) Jones, left, Cottage Grove chief of police now undergoing army reservist summer training with the famed 104th "Timberwolf" division at Fort Lewis, Wash. serves as coach for M/Sgt. William McCorkle, Eugene, as the two veterans demonstrate the kneeling position for M1 rifle firing during preliminary rifle marksmanship session. Jones and McCorkle are members of "L" Co., 3rd Battalion, 413th Infantry regiment with headquarters in Eugene. The other two soldiers are Pvt. Robert K. Amsbary, Coos Bay, and Pvt. Raymond Lorentz, Springfield. Latter two from "M" Co., 413th. Two week training course ends Sunday, August 3.



The first class to graduate from the Cottage Grove high school received diplomas on May 16, 1896. The exercises were held in what was known as Sherwood's hall, located about where the Men's Toggery is today.

Those in the graduating class pictured above were, standing from left to right: Roy Knox, deceased; Effie Younger Powell, deceased; Ernest Purvance of Jennings Lodge, treasurer of the Oregon Conference of Methodist churches; Lulu Currin, Eugene; Edgar Wood. Seated, left to right: Celia Lurch Macready; Professor W. H. Powell and Elsie Lea, the only one who still lives in Cottage Grove.



Mrs. Roy Short (Blanche Veatch), left, and Mrs. John McCall (Ruth Woodard), right, the only two members of the graduating class of 1912 who still reside in Cottage Grove. They are sponsoring the first picnic of schoolmates from 1900 to 1914 on Saturday, August 2, at Jefferson school.



Accident Victim's Condition Serious

Still in serious condition Wednesday at Cottage Grove hospital was David E. Holbrook, 22, of Creswell, one of the three injured in an auto crash Sunday afternoon near Scottsburg.

In good condition were Gerald Boggs, 19, and Robert Bowman, 19, both of Cottage Grove, also involved in the accident. Holbrook suffered skull injuries; Boggs received a fractured knee and lacerations, and Bowman a fractured wrist and lacerations.

The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. when the car Bowman was driving passed several cars and crashed into a pickup making a left turn off Highway 36.

Losses Hand

In good condition also was R. B. Bewley Jr., 23-year-old Drain youth, who underwent surgery Tuesday after he lost his right hand when he caught his arm between a tree and a tractor. He is an employee of the 6B Lumber Co.

Victor Fink of Lorane, employee of Disston Logging, was treated Tuesday for scalp lacerations suffered when the top of his head was hit with a block from a tackle.

Interplanetary Ships and Little Men Is the Latest Flying Saucer Tale Here

By Joan Gallo

The story is out, although still not official, that the flying saucers people all over the nation have been seeing for several years are really interplanetary space ships flown by small, man-like creatures, one of whom is said to have been under observation for two years at a California institution.

Six New Teachers Add to H.S. Staff

Virgil Kingsley, superintendent of Union high school, this week announced a staff of six new teachers, five of which replace those who have resigned and one new instructor. Classes will start September 8.

The new teacher is Matt Buschman, formerly superintendent of schools at Brownsville. He will teach social science and driver training. He received his master's degree from the University of Oregon in 1952.

Wally Johnson, former Oakridge mentor, will replace Maurie Kreutz in the physical education department and will be head basketball and baseball coach. Johnson, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage this spring, has recovered and has moved his family here. He attended Linfield college.

Music Instructor

Charles Steele, formerly of Wyoming, will replace Elwood Rickman as instrumental music instructor. He received his master's degree from the U of O in 1952.

Miss Janice Neely, who taught in Roseburg from 1949 to 1951, will replace Mrs. Woolcott in physical education and health. She received her master's degree at the University of Washington in 1952.

Mrs. Elta Gray has been appointed librarian to take the place of Richard Lindner. Mr. Lindner will teach English classes of Mrs. Newland, who has moved to California.

Miss Nola Caverhill will replace Mrs. Francis Trusty in the home economics department. She graduated from OSC in 1952 and was a cadet teacher at the high school here.

RELOCATED ROAD ON HIGHWAY 58 OPENED

Twelve miles of relocated road on Highway 58, above Lookout point was opened Wednesday. The new highway ascends the hill to the south of the reservoir and skirts the lake shore. Paving of the new highway strip has been in progress since September of 1951. Grading work on the project was

Old Timers to Gather Aug. 2 For Two Schoolmates Picnics

4-H Girls Attend Camp This Week

Twenty Cottage Grove area 4-H girls are among the 85 from all over the county that are camping this week at Camp Lane on the Siuslaw river.

They include the following: Ava Lee Bales, Frances Bridenstine, Arlene Dubell, CloRene Bales and Kay Davenport, Dorena, Lou Dell Doughty, Catherine Tew, Karen Lobek and Connie Wyman, Lorane.

Deanna Gunn, Robin Routh, Ninette Lindsey and Gilda Belle Tullar, London; Barbara Fly, Carroll; Tonole, Elsie Hickethier and Bridget Woods, Latham, Brenda Henry, Blue Mountain.

Vivian Getchell and Zora Mae Shelley are attending from Creswell.

Swim Lessons

Highlight of this week's session and the following girl's session will be the swimming instruction under the direction of Dean and Dixie Sheldon, representatives of the American Red Cross national swimming program. Both Dean and Dixie have worked with the Red Cross swimming program in Lane County since 1946. Mr. Sheldon is a coach at Coos Bay, and a student at the University. He has been instructor at Triangle Lake this summer. Mrs. Sheldon has been instructor at the Fall Creek classes during the summer. This cooperation with the American Red Cross is greatly appreciated by 4-H members and leaders of Lane county.

The final week of girls' camp will be August 3 to 10. Fifty-two girls will be attending this session.

Dr. Kime Announces New Associate Here

Dr. William Branford, formerly of Eugene, is now associated here with Dr. C. H. Kime, dentist, in his offices on Whiteaker.

The new dentist formerly practiced in Eugene and recently returned from serving two years in the Army. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon Dental College, Portland. He is married and has two children. He and his family now live in Eugene but plan to move to Cottage Grove soon.

LOCAL MAN IS FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

Elwyn R. Currin, 23, of Blackbutte route, was fined \$25 in municipal court Saturday on a reckless driving charge. He was arrested on West Main street July 25 and released on \$12 bail.

Judge Don Allen said this week that trial in three cases of men charged with driving under the influence of alcohol would be set by the acting city attorney, Richard Thwing.

Miss Ruth Long accompanied by Mrs. Lorine Chapman and sons left July 25th for a visit with friends and relatives at Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.

Contest Hobbyist Attends Convention, Swaps Ideas With Other Contestants

Cottage Grove's top national contest hobbyist, attractive Mrs. Vivian White, has completed a dream of hers—she has just returned from a National Contesters' Association convention in Los Angeles.

Mrs. White, local housewife and mother of two, was among 400 persons from all over the country who attended. There was also a man from the Philippines and a lady from British Columbia.

"This is the first one that has been held on the west coast and I just had to go," she said enthusiastically.

Mrs. White was among the top money winners, too. There was a \$25,000 top winner, a \$20,000 winner, two \$10,000 winners and eight including our local lady, who had won \$5,000.

Just a Hobby

"Name A Cake" contest a year ago brought the big winnings to her. Since then she has won an automatic washing machine in another contest. She has been entering them seriously for about four years, but contends, "It's just a hobby. There is nothing mercenary about any of us. You could not win consistently."

Also part of the fun for all contestants in the association as well as for Mrs. White is the help they give to shut-ins and veterans in hospitals. She said the convention speakers stressed this important service. Stamps, envelopes, qual-

Many old timers are expected here for the coming week end to attend the Old Schoolmates picnics to be held Saturday, August 2, and renew acquaintances with friends of many years ago with whom they attended school. The regular Old Schoolmates picnic will be held at the city park, while the graduates of 1912 will sponsor another picnic at the Jefferson school. Both groups will have a picnic dinner, program, election of officers and the remainder of the afternoon will be spent in visiting.

The Old Schoolmates takes in those who attended the first school back as far as 1876 when it was located near the Southern Pacific railroad bridge in the Latham district and includes schoolmates up to the year 1900, while the younger schoolmates picnic includes those attending school here from 1900 to 1914.

Grew From Handful

The annual Old Schoolmates picnic grew from a handful who met in the garden of Mrs. Anna Petrie Adams in 1936 to over 100 last year with people coming from as far away as Bremerton, Hollywood and Colorado. The first Sunday in August was the day decided upon to hold the annual affair.

The fortieth anniversary of the class of 1912 will be observed Saturday when these schoolmates meet for the first reunion since graduation. Mrs. Roy Short (Blanche Veatch) and Mrs. John McCall (Ruth Woodard), the only two in the class of 1912 who still reside in Cottage Grove, are sponsoring this reunion.

There were 12 graduates in the class of 1912. They were: Blanche Veatch Short, Cottage Grove; Herbert Mosby, deceased; Myrtle DeSpain Jorgensen, California; Maude Skidmore, deceased; Roy Woods, Eugene; Maude Lamson Finch, Arvada, Colo.; Hester Bemis Welch, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Dorris Medley, deceased; Audrey Langdon Hayes, Junction City; Ruth Woodard McCall, Cottage Grove; Harry Martin, Klamath Falls and Lena Burcham, Eugene. H. E. Inlow (deceased) was principal when the class graduated.

Co. Utility Values Drop \$500,000

Lane county utilities will be approximately \$500,000 under the assessed valuation of 1951-52, George Stock, county assessor announced after receiving the county's valuation from the state tax commission. Stock said he was making inquiry as to why the utility valuations were lowered this year, when he expected approximately a \$500,000 increase in the total valuation. The utility assessed valuation totaled \$18,717,266 for the 1952-53 period against \$19,217,887 for last year. The county's valuation for taxable purposes was set at approximately \$19,000,000, exclusive of the valuation of the utilities which Stock figured would be about \$19,000,000.

Officers (such as box tops, etc.) are sent to help these people to start their contest hobbies.

Writes to Shut-In

Mrs. White's "private shut-in" is a 24-year old girl who lives in South Carolina, who suffers from a heart ailment.

"We call them 'windsiders,' Mrs. White said. "That comes from insiders and win." She and the southern girl correspond regularly, she said.

Mrs. White read of the forth coming convention, held July 2 to 26 at the Hollywood Roosevelt hotel, in the contestants' magazine. Next year's convention will be in New Orleans, but Mrs. White said that was too far away for her.

The convention sessions consisted of speeches by big money winning contestants and heads of judging agencies. They told other how to win and how to help other understand contesting, she said.

Earthquake Unnoticed Mrs. White said she was too busy at the convention to notice the earthquake in the area, admitted she was so interested in talking to another woman she did not even notice chandeliers swinging in the breeze. She said the lady told her later about it but said she had not called it to her attention because she was afraid it would frighten her.

Our contestant has settled down once more to the routine of guess what? Entering more contests,