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	High	Low	Pre.
Aug. 14	80	54	.00
Aug. 15	75	51	.01
Aug. 16	74	51	.00
Aug. 17	77	50	.00
Aug. 18	64	42	.00
Aug. 19	76	48	.00
Aug. 20	73	46	.00

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## Grade Pupils To Register 5th

The elementary schools of Cottage Grove School District No. 45 will begin the 1952-53 school year on Monday, September 8.

All pupils beginning first grade, all pupils beginning fifth grade and sixth grade and all pupils new to the district are asked to register between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 on Friday, September 5.

All first graders living west of Highway 99 register at the Adams school. All first graders living east of Highway 99 report to Harrison school. All fifth graders living west of Highway 99 report to Jefferson school. All fifth graders living east of Highway 99 report to Harrison school, and all beginning sixth graders report to Jefferson school. All beginning first graders must present a birth certificate before they will be allowed to begin school.

**Workshop Set**  
All the teachers of the district will meet in the Harrison school cafeteria on September 3 and 4 for an in-service training program which will be conducted by Dr. Lester Phelps of the Oregon State System of Higher Education and Miss Vera Larson, a consultant from the Portland public schools. The workshop will deal with the teaching of reading.

Elmer Fleming, superintendent, announced this week that Miss Margaret Spoons, who has been teaching in Germany, would be at Jefferson this year and will take over the sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls physical education classes. She replaces Miss Norma Kerr, who will teach the seventh and eighth grade classes formerly taught by Jesse Fasold, who has resigned.

## Scholarship Is Won By R. L. Sedergren

R. L. Sedergren Jr. has been awarded a scholarship to the Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland this fall, according to a letter he received from the Oregon State System of Higher Education. He will major in chemistry and plans to enter the research field.

He graduated last June from Cottage Grove high school and in his junior year received the American National Chemistry award with a grade average of 1 plus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sedergren of Delight Valley.

## 1899 Editor's "We Have Come to Stay" Recalled on Sentinel's 63rd Birthday

By Joan Gallo

The Sentinel celebrates its 63rd birthday this week. Another issue is off the press in the steady flow of news. Marked changes have taken place in the 63 years, from the early days of the "Bohemia Nugget" to the present.

In an editorial in the January 20, 1899 edition, new editor C. J. Howard remarks, "We have just dropped down among

in a quiet sort of way, you wish to assure you a fair opportunity is given us, and we have no reason to think that it will not be given us, we have come to stay."

And stay we have. Through the years more editorials have been written. Another in June, 1899 — the "brave boys of the Second Oregon have fought their last fight and gone back to Manila to rest up and prepare for the journey home."

The war with Spain was fought, and the editor said, "They have been in their last fight." But they had not. Many more were to come. Bohemia Mines in that era were in full sway. And a front page column was devoted to activities there. The problem of getting supplies and equipment up there and the growth of roads through the years is all told.

Elbert Bede in 1917 wrote, "The Sentinel wonders how many families there are in Oregon that spend on an average of \$22.47 a member a month for food and clothes and care." That covers a lot of ground, but in 1952 the \$22.47 would not cover anything, we are afraid. How times do change!

The issue of May 31 that year told of the war census to be taken, and Mayor T. C. Wheeler announced "Patriotic Week." Flowery and patriotic editorials of Old Glory and "a stirring of the soul and a willing breast" all followed the war fever.

The 20's roared in, and in the issue of the summer of 1926 Cot-



Approximately 150 persons, young and old, enjoyed the Junior Chamber of Commerce promoted Community Picnic Sunday at the Wilson Creek recreation area at Cottage Grove Lake. Picture at left shows boys and girls about to enjoy a sack race. Other games included a tug of war, baseball and horseshoes. A band concert was held.

In picture at right Jaycees talk it over, and two of them display novel Oregon Jaycees insignia on the back of their shirts. They are, left to right, facing camera, Don Nixon, George Drury and Bill Telford. With backs to camera are Doyle Shepherd, left, and Bob Blackwell, picnic chairman, right. A huge picnic dinner was the main event.

## Families Enjoy Community Picnic



Photos by Marvin Jacobs

## Sharp's Creek Fire Quelled by Crews

The first forest fire of any size in this area was brought under control two hours after it started Tuesday morning in a logging operation on Sharp's Creek.

According to Ray VanSchoelack, warden of the southern district of the East Lane Fire Patrol, the blaze that covered about one acre started when a power saw, being used by Thies and Hunt, loggers, caught fire. It happened while the men were bucking a log. The saw burned and the blaze spread to the down timber. The property is owned by T. A. Lovgren.

Men from the Lovegren mill, 25 men from the East Lane Fire Patrol and three pumpers, and six Forest Service volunteers with a pumper went to the scene. It started about 10:30 a.m. and was under control in two hours. It was completely out by sundown, according to VanSchoelack.

Another smaller blaze was quelled last week at the Shortridge recreation area at Cottage Grove lake. This one is believed to have been started by a cigarette that had smoldered.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Hilliker and Mr. and Mrs. Lester "Red" Cosner spent the week end at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hodges on the McKenzie River, fishing. They were among a party of 14 who spent the week end with the Hodges.

## South Lane Fair Set at Jefferson Friday, Saturday; Livestock, Showmanship To Highlight Annual Event

By Mrs. Jeanne Morton

Have you shopped for all the ingredients for that super cake you are going to exhibit? Are you giving special attention to ward off the bugs from those choice buds that will be blooming Friday for the flower show? Is your latest piece of embroidery clean and pressed and ready to show? These are some of the questions in the air this week with regards to interest in the South Lane Fair.

Of special notice to be given, until now overlooked by many exhibitors and just-lookers, is the change of site for the fair. Because it seems more interesting to have livestock exhibited on the same grounds as the other exhibits, it has been necessary to leave the Army, where so many fairs have been held. Jefferson school is not the best place for a fair, but the best that is offered locally. It is about the only location where cover can be given livestock as well as more perishable exhibits. Folks this year must wander around to be assured of seeing all that will be offered.

The greater number of exhibits will be found in the school gym, but don't overlook the interesting things you will see in the Band room. Have you ever seen a spinning wheel whirling, or a quilt in the process of being quilted? If you are around the fair on Friday or Saturday afternoons you probably will see these interesting operations. Who knows what different hobbies will be displayed for your pleasure, or what friend may surprise you by giving you a first viewing of their canvas masterpiece. Unless you plan on spending many leisure hours wandering through the fair, you will overlook something.

**Change in Livestock**  
A change has been made in awarding livestock trophies for grand and reserve champions of class. These will be awarded on Friday afternoon, immediately following completion of judging. By this change, you will know at first showing the best of class when they proudly flaunt their trophies.

During Friday afternoon 4-H livestock exhibitors will show their stock. In this way they will prove long hours of faithful work in training their animals to show their worth to best advantage. This is truly a sight worth seeing and the first time that showmanship has entered as part of the South Lane Fair.

Exhibits are not on display to the general public until 1 p.m. Friday. Entries will be accepted up to 11 a.m. and readied for display to their best advantage. Award ribbons will be attached and names of entrants uncovered as soon as they have been judged.

**Lionettes To Discuss Plans for Jamboree**  
A special meeting of all girls who are in Lionettes this coming year at the high school will be held Thursday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. Rally squad members will meet with the Lionettes to discuss plans for the Jamboree which is September 6, in Eugene.

Tickets for the rally bus for the Jamboree will be sold on registration days at the high school for those who wish transportation.

**NEW PHONE OPERATOR**  
Laurita Lundbom, who has been employed as a bookkeeper for the Jorgensen Dairy Products Co., of Medford for the past two years, has returned home and has accepted employment as an operator at the local telephone office.

**ADENS HAVE SON**  
A son, Keith Monroe, was born August 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Aden of Lake Grove. Mrs. Aden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monroe of this city.

**Potato Race On!**  
The potato race is on! What seems to be one of the best spud years in a long time has yielded from one plant alone a record of 40 potatoes weighing a total of 12 1/4 pounds. This crop is on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien (Brick) Land of Mosby Creek.

Smallest potatoes in the hill were about the size of a marble, with the largest one about six inches long and three or four inches across. The total yield was 26 pebble-sized ones, eight medium sized ones and 16 large potatoes.

The reason for the crop—the early White Rose is a big yielder, the June rains helped, and the ground was new. Mrs. Land said she wouldn't be surprised if larger yields than this would be found.

**Douglas Co. Plans Umpqua Cavalcade**  
ROSEBURG — Historical incidents from throughout Douglas County—many of them affecting the entire Northwest—will be dramatically portrayed in the huge Umpqua Cavalcade pageant Labor Day week end. The celebration is in observance of the county's 100th birthday this year.

Running for three nights, the big show will be held at the fairgrounds in Roseburg at 8:30 p.m. daylight time August 30, 31 and September 1.

A cast of 1,500 performers will play in the show, centering on a 225-foot stage now under construction.

With music written for the pageant by Pulitzer Prize winning composer Gail Kubik, the actors will stage such events as the thrilling and bloody Indian massacre of the Jedediah Smith party near Reedsport, and the famed Battle Rock incident where in 1851 a group of settlers were besieged by Indians.

Also portrayed on the Umpqua Cavalcade stage is an incident in the Drain area in which a peddler sold settlers damning needles to replace the only one they had in the entire community. Their only needle lost, the settlers purchased their replacements from Aaron Meier, one of the founders of Meier and Frank's of Portland.

Directing the pageant is Horace Robinson, director of the University of Oregon theater, who each three years handles the Oregon Trail Pageant in Eugene.

Reigning over the three-day festivities which will include a "One Hundred Years of Progress" parade in Roseburg the morning of August 30, is 18-year-old Barbara Peterson. She will share honors as queen with an older "dowager queen" yet to be selected.

**LOCAL COUPLE'S NEPHEW INJURED IN ACCIDENT**  
Warren Mack of Eugene, who suffered a broken wrist and head cuts when hit by a car at 13th and Willamette Monday morning, is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Manley C. Fuller of Cottage Grove. He worked on the Sentinel several years ago when the University of Oregon students published an edition. He is now a graduate student.

Mack was hit by a car driven by Mrs. Naomi Rice of Eugene, who was cited by city police for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and for driving with no operator's license on her person.

The Webster Brush family has moved to a new location at 1100 Taylor street.

## J. S. Crepeau Files for Mayor Position; Two Issues May Not Reach Fall Ballot

### CG Charter a Mess, Should Be Revised, Declares Attorney

A bombshell was thrown into council session Monday night when acting city attorney, Richard Thwing, said in effect that the two charter amendments, the 1 per cent limitation and maximum fine, might not get on the November ballot. Councilmen earlier had voted to put the issues to the people.

The reason given was that "the charter is in a mess" and that the acting attorney would not attempt to prepare amendments under such circumstances. City Attorney H. W. Lombard is still in Europe and will not be back in time to give legal advice before the September 4 deadline when all issues for the ballot are to be in the county clerk's office.

Thwing explained that he had been studying the old charter carefully before preparing amendments that would lift the limitation on the general fund and raise the maximum fine to be levied.

"The charter is a mess," he said. "It needs to be brought up to date. Ordinances are conflicting. There are duplications. Amendments are not clear."

"Would you want to put these amendments on the ballot under these circumstances?" he asked the council.

The members all agreed they would not, yet formal voting on the problem was shelved until further study.

**Big Job**  
"Revising the charter would be a good job for the next council," quipped the retiring mayor.

"It would take a year's work to do it," Thwing estimated.

In the meantime a 30-year old amendment that would allow a maximum fine of \$250 instead of \$100 was discovered for the first time after the city attorney had revised the charter.

Municipal Judge Don Allen admitted he had never seen it. He had been fining drunk drivers what he believed to be the maximum of \$100, but actually under Mr. Thwing's interpretation the amendment was made in 1921.

Mr. Allen admitted that city attorney H. W. Lombard had told him there was a conflict in the fine issue in the charter but that he had never known what it was.

Over a period of 30 years with about three drunk driving cases a week that could mean the city had lost about \$70,000, or \$150 on each of the near 4,700 cases over this period.

**Problem Solved**  
Council agreed that the discovery of the amendment probably would solve the fine problem.

Another not solved is the 1 per cent limitation. Under the limitation, fixed in 1920, taxes to be raised for the General Fund cannot exceed 1 per cent of the assessed valuation. This has meant that for several years budget groups have struggled with the fund to get within the limitation and have had to cut all salary increases and other items.

Most affected if the issue does not get to the ballot will be city employees, who have been dissatisfied with wages. However, if the entire charter is revised, a special election will have to be called for the people to vote on the new one and repeal the old.

This is a job that has been needed for a long time and has been neglected, councilmen agreed. Allen said that the League of Oregon Cities had volunteered to do the job some years ago but had been turned down by the council, because of the cost.

**LOCAL MAN ARRESTED ON BAD CHECK CHARGE**  
Marshall L. Kimble, 25, of Blackbutte route, was in city jail Wednesday on a charge of passing a bad check with insufficient funds. Bail has been set at \$500. Kimble was arrested Tuesday by city police officer, C. H. Roberts, on a warrant from the Lane county sheriff's office. He was to be turned over to the county late Wednesday.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING SET FOR LEGION, AUXILIARY**  
An executive committee meeting for the American Legion and Auxiliary has been called for 8 p.m. Friday, August 22, in the east room of the Armory. Plans for the coming year will be discussed.

First regular meeting for the two groups is set for Thursday, September 4.

### Three Contractors To Get Sewer Jobs

Three contractors were awarded the new sewer jobs in Cottage Grove at Monday night's session. Work on the projects in six newly formed city districts is expected to start soon.

Reason for awarding the jobs to three separate bidders was that under the Bancroft bonding law, under which property owners will pay for the projects, low bids in each district had to be awarded.

Jeske Bros. Construction Co. and Coast Construction and Excavation Co. of Junction City, acting together, were low bidders in Districts 36, 37, 39 and 40. The bids and the areas involved are as follows:

36—Woodson and Meade additions, \$3,097.70.

37—North eighth street north of Grover, \$1,547.

39—Tyler from South Tenth to east city limits, \$2,361.25.

40—On VanBuren in new Doleman and Schaffner addition, \$917.50.

Henry den Herder of Lebanon, who has the sewage disposal plant job, was low in district 41.

41—South of Madison avenue on east side, \$2,936.35.

O. L. Soule of Portland was low in district 38.

38—Area of South First street, south of Quincy, \$1,321.85.

**May Consolidate**  
A possible consolidation of the bidders, giving the whole job to one at the lowest bid, was imminent, but no announcement was made at council session. One contractor suggested this was the practice in some areas where one contractor did not wish to do just one small job.

Council will meet Monday, August 25, to pass a resolution authorizing the signing of the contracts, following a check on the bids by the city engineer.

City council heard a complaint from Mr. Cassidy of Hamlow's market over excessive water and sewer rates for those outside the city not on sewers. The council and mayor took about a half hour to explain the projects demanded by the State Sanitary Authority and for which all had to pay.

Many outside are complaining about high rates, Cassidy said. However, the mayor told him, those inside now on sewers were actually having to help pay for those that the outsiders would eventually get.

"This is part of a long-range program set up after years of study by engineers and the council," the mayor said. "We have our rates set and we cannot change them."

Cassidy also complained about being in a commercial category when he was not getting water for fire protection. However the council advised him that the city did furnish fire protection with a tank truck and pressure hose that could pump water out of the river.

## 'Shivering Jane, Row River Crane, Gets Repair Job

by Joseph McCune

**DORENA (Special)** — The Booth-Kelly Lumber company took advantage of the recent vacation to make some needed repairs at its Dorena plant. Crews went back Monday after being off two weeks.

A Eugene contractor, John Weldon, with a crew of bricklayers, worked in the boiler room. They rebuilt the ovens and the fire walls under boilers one and two, and made extensive repairs under number four.

Our local millwrights, under Mr. Wheeler, rebuilt the edger transfer table and the crane.

**Crane Gets Paint**  
The table was removed and a new floor laid. Then there was a general repairing job on all of the solid pieces and the machinery. Most of the wooden parts were replaced with metal.

The crane has sometimes been called "Shivering Jane, the Row River Crane." The lady will probably do less shivering now, for she has a body and long arm of strong, clear number one timbers, plus a general repair job. In her nice red paint, she looks ready to handle the heaviest loads.

**BRESSLERS VACATION**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bressler spent Sunday and Monday at the Lou McCoy's cabin on the Umpqua river near Scottsburg.

### Incumbent Refuses Top City Position; Ward 3 Race Looms

Latest developments this week in the local election picture came when J. S. Crepeau, contractor, threw his hat into the mayoralty race following an announcement by F. H. Doleman, present mayor, that he would not run.

A real race for the council loomed in Ward 3, always referred to by councilmen as "the ward that never passes anything." H. B. McMillan, local cafe owner and

past commander of the American Legion post here, entered the race. He will be opposed by Tom Mitchell, radio shop operator, who has announced himself strongly as a friend of the city employees.

Elmer Kent, incumbent councilman from Ward 1, also announced this week along with the mayor that he would not run again. This leaves Gill Gardner, Junior Chamber of Commerce president, unopposed so far in Ward 1. Robert Mills, deputy county coroner, is as yet unopposed in Ward 2.

Don Allen and George Stephen have filed for the recorder and treasurer posts.

**Youngest to Serve**  
Crepeau, 43, if elected, will be the youngest mayor to serve the city in some time. Several of the councilmen are also the youngest to file in several years.

The contractor has lived here since 1945 when he came from Los Angeles where he also was in the construction business. He is a veteran of World War II where he served with the Seabees in the Pacific and Atlantic theaters. He is active in local organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Masonic lodge, and the American Legion.

McMillan, who recently was selected South Lane chairman for the fall Community Chest drive, has been active in civic affairs. He was commander of the Legion post last year and was active as head of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He spearheaded the movement for a north access road from the proposed freeway when it goes in. He also is a member of the Masonic lodge and the Lions club.

### H. S. Faculty List Is Now Complete; Registration Set

Virgil Kingsley, superintendent of the Cottage Grove Union high school, announced this week that his faculty list had been completed with the hiring of Lee Henningsgard of South Dakota to replace Matt Buschman, who recently died.

Mr. Buschman had been hired to teach social science and driver training, but passed away August 2, the day after moving here.

The new teacher has been doing graduate work at the University of Oregon this summer and formerly taught at the Watertown, South Dakota, high school. He is a graduate of St. Cloud, Minnesota, teachers college and attended the University of South Dakota.

**Registration Set**  
High school faculty will report September 2 for a week of training before school opens on the 8th. Registration for students will be Wednesday and Thursday, September 3 and 4. Freshmen are to register from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and juniors from 7 to 9 p.m. that evening. Sophomores are to register Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 and seniors that night.

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