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Dec. 31	40	30	.00
Jan. 1	49	39	.32
Jan. 2	46	35	.05
Jan. 3	50	33	.87
Jan. 4	49	41	.06
Jan. 5	54	49	.00
Jan. 6	61	30	.00

Fair Board Names O. M. Patten Chairman; Consider 3-Day Fair

Members Faced With Problem of No Place
For Promised Livestock Entries in 1954

Members of the South Lane Fair Board re-elected O. M. Patten, chairman of the board for the new year, when they met Monday evening. The board also elected Byron Houck as its new vice-chairman, and re-elected Dr. H. A. Hagen, treasurer and Mrs. Jeanne Morton, secretary. The board members met at Dr. Hagen's office.

Board members then discussed the possibility of making the South Lane Fair a three-day event rather than two. One of the primary reasons for so doing, Board members believed, will be to benefit the merchants who spend so much time fixing up booths. As they pointed out, half of one of the two days of the Fair is spent in decorating and preparing booths, leaving only a day and a half for actual use. Board members agreed that three days for the fair would be good.

Want To Make Survey

Fair board members want to make a survey in the South Lane area to ascertain the opinions of residents concerning the lengthening of the fair. All opinions will be considered carefully by the board. Any South Lane resident having an opinion relative to the possible change should contact one of the board members. In addition to the officers the following are on the board: Forest Woods, Jess Hill and Russell Smith.

Board members also made plans for the 1954 Fair. Currently they are faced with the problem of more livestock promised than can be taken care of at the school grounds. Right now they see the necessity of finding someplace to take care of stock for the promised entries.

Board members expect to set the date of the '54 Fair at their next meeting February 1.

Committee Appointments

Chairman Patten made the following committee appointments at the Monday night meeting: Livestock committee, Forest Woods, Chairman, and Russell Smith vice-chairman; Advertising committee, Byron Houck, chairman, and Russell Smith, vice-chairman; Premium committee, Jess Hill, chairman, and Byron Houck, vice-chairman.

Members of the Fair Board represent service organizations in the South Lane area. Houck, a new member, represents Dorena Grange. Dr. H. A. Hagen, representing the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, has just been re-appointed by the Chamber for a five-year term as a Fair Board Director.

Travis Dobson Kathleen Rasor Baby Contest Winners

Two new junior citizens arrived in Cottage Grove hospital this past week end to cop top honors in the local 16th annual baby contest.

First baby to arrive after the turn of the New Year was Travis Leroy Dobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dobson of 1017 Jefferson Street, Cottage Grove, arrived at 7:14 a.m. January 3. He weighed 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

The Stork was not quite as prompt in delivery of baby number 2, Kathleen Ann Rasor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Rasor, Box 49, Cottage Grove, arrived at 7:14 a.m. January 3. She weighed 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

Babies one and two will receive many valuable gifts from merchants. Letters of introduction are being mailed to the parents of the winners which may be used in picking up the prizes.

Not long after arrival of Kathleen several other babies were born at the local hospital. The only comment available from the Stork who made the two "special deliveries" was his sorrow in not being able to bring in twins. He said he'd try harder next year.

489 Babies Born In CG Hospital, '53

The Cottage Grove hospital is doing its part towards increasing the population, and if everyone would just stay put, we could show a substantial growth without any influx of population.

Babies born in the local hospital, since its establishment, to January 1, 1954 numbered 1,272. The 1953 baby crop amounted to 489.

The Cottage Grove hospital, with 32 beds, is outrunning hospitals of comparative size over the state when it comes to bringing babies into the world. Sweet Home with a 35-bed hospital had 149 births in 1953. Silverton, with a similar size hospital, had 361 babies, and Prineville only 98 babies for the past year.

40 ET 8 PROMENADE

The 40 et 8 Promenade will be held at the Eagles hall on January 14. The American Legion Auxiliary will put on the supper at 7 p.m. People from all over the county will be in attendance.

1953 Rainfall in South Lane Area High

75.84 Inches at B'butte

Blackbutte cops the honors for greatest rainfall of any area in this section. Weather records kept by Mrs. Fred Mills reveal the Blackbutte area has had as much as 83.32 inches of rain in a single year. This was in 1950, but the year just closed was not far behind, with a total of 75.84 inches for the 12 months period ending last December 31.

January of 1953 was the record month for rainfall in 1953 when a total of 16.59 inches was recorded. In 1952 the total rainfall was 48.83 inches, but the smallest yearly amount fell in 1944, when only 37.94 inches was recorded.

The above figures were taken from the records of Mrs. Mills, kept since 1939, when she started reporting for the weather bureau.

Polio Drive 'Mile Of Dimes' Saturday On Main Street

Work on the local March of Dimes campaign started rolling in full force this week. Mrs. Virgil Kingsley, chairman, announced that many civic organizations had offered their services during the drive to help raise money to fight the dread poliomyelitis.

Committee members are hard at work now placing containers in stores throughout the area for contributions. Milk containers are being furnished by Grove Maid Dairy. They will be supplemented with fruit jars.

The March of Dimes committee and the sponsoring organization BPW are currently working under a handicap which resulted when none of the material sent out by the national organization to aid in the Drive has arrived here.

'Mile of Pennies'

The local drive begins Saturday when the Girl Scouts and Brownies and their leaders work to build a "mile of pennies" in the downtown area of Cottage Grove. A portion of the sidewalk on the Main Street will be roped off and contributions from passersby will be used to make a line of pennies that will stretch at least one mile. Mrs. Kingsley said Wednesday that if the weather turned stormy, the mile campaign would be postponed. The mile drive will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and will last until 2 p.m.

Members of the CG Rod and Gun club will hold a countywide benefit shoot, Sunday, January 24. Plans for the shoot will be announced in detail next week.

Mothers' March

The Mothers' March for Polio held during the end of the month-long campaign will be handled by members of Beta Sigma Phi. They will be assisted by BPW and Jayceettes.

A special event, sponsored by the Junior Red Cross to raise money for the March of Dimes Drive, will occur at one of the local basketball games when a blanket toss is held.

This current drive to fight polio is centered on the 4th front—Polio Prevention. The National Foundation says this is made possible through the March of Dimes research, since for the first time in medical history, science has in its hands both a limited, temporary preventive agent and a trial vaccine which may provide the final answer to infantile paralysis.

Special Adult Class In Personal Problems To Start Monday

Among the three adult evening course offerings starting now and later on in winter term in Cottage Grove Union high school, one course, **Personal Problems of Daily Living**, should be of special interest to parents, teachers, clergy and others concerned with behavior of children and other personal and family relations. Classes for Personal Problems will be held in the reading room of the high school.

Under the direction of Jennelle V. Moorhead, associate professor of education for General Extension Division and member of three national health education committees, the Personal Problems course begins with two sessions on January 11 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with weekly meetings scheduled thru March 29.

Joining Mrs. Moorhead as special faculty for the course are: Dr. Howard R. Akers and Dr. John A. Schulz, professors of education for General Extension Division; Herbert Bisno, assistant professor of sociology at University of Oregon; and Dr. John Waterman, director of mental health section, Oregon State Board of Health.

Purpose of this course is to provide through facilities of the State (Continued on page 2)

74.2 Inches—Bohemia

A report from the Laying Creek Ranger station at Diston states that the Bohemia country has just recorded its wettest year in 25 years. A total of 74.2 inches of rainfall was recorded for the calendar year in 1953 at the ranger station.

The average annual precipitation for the last 25 years is 51.5 inches. Nearest amount to the period's record was in 1950 when 67.4 inches were recorded.

Nineteen fifty-three's high rainfall in the Bohemia area is 1.64 inches less than that recorded at Blackbutte where 75.84 inches fell during the same period.

Meanwhile, a recent snow survey made at the Champion snow course on Bohemia mountain, December 30, showed that the average snow depth was 18.5 inches. Average depth a year ago was 52.1 inches.

Mrs. Clair Hogate of the Laying Creek Ranger station said the low average was attributable in part to the warm weather and rains. However, she added that the snowfalls over the week end just past probably increased the depth somewhat.

Frank L. Maguires Buy Hile Store



Frank Maguire

Mrs. Art Hile announced Monday that the Hile Furniture and Gift store had been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Maguire, formerly of Portland.

The Maguires have taken over active management of the store, and have established their residence at 114 South Eleventh Street. The store will henceforth be known as Maguire's Furniture and Gifts.

Maguire has a well-rounded background in retail merchandising. He was identified with the retail furniture business for many years in Portland, Albany and Tacoma, having served the trade in various capacities. Since 1944, he has been employed in accounting and office management positions with the Electrical Products Corporation and Air Mac Equipment Corporation in Portland.

The new store owner is a veteran of World War II. He has lived in Portland most of his life with the exception of four years in Albany and two years in Tacoma. He is well-known for his association with various fraternal organizations, and his work in community athletics and recreational activities, which center mainly around softball.

Mrs. Hile will remain in Cottage Grove. After a short vacation, she hopes to work in town.

John M. Durham, 65-Year Resident, Dies at Age 93

John Marion Durham, a resident of Cottage Grove since 1889, passed away at his home in Cottage Grove Saturday, January 2, 1954, at the age of 93. He was born in Missouri December 19, 1860, and was married July 4, 1881, at Twin Falls, Kans., to Hattie Ann Walker, who preceded him in death in 1947. They came to Oregon in 1881, first to Portland, later moving to Roseburg before coming to Cottage Grove. Mr. Durham was a member of Cottage Grove Lodge No. 68 IOOF and was a charter member of the Cottage Grove Christian Church.

He is survived by one son, Nelson Durham of Cottage Grove; one daughter, Mrs. Della Richmond, Pasadena, Calif.; four grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, J. L. Durham, Wichita Falls, Kans.; one sister, Mrs. Emma Benope, Oklahoma City and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 6, with interment in the local IOOF cemetery. Mr. F. Sherwood Smith officiated.

City Council Initiates Many Projects in '53

Coming Improvements
Include Charter Work

Members of the local City Council spent a busy year during 1953. Mayor Joe Crepeau said December 31 that Council members considered the following items as the most important steps they had taken during the past year:

1. Revision of the City Charter to eliminate the 10 mill limitation for the general fund.
2. Completion of the new sewer disposal plant.
3. Paving of many blocks of city streets.
4. Installation of water lines replacing old wooden mains.
5. Beginning of construction of new Main Street bridge.
6. First steps to revise the city purchasing program.
7. Installation of city-controlled ambulance service.
8. Securing Social Security for city employees.
9. Completion of the first 100 per cent complete audit of the city's books, installation of modern, efficient methods and machines.

Mayor Crepeau added that Council members have many projects planned for 1954. They include:

1. Surface water disposal to eliminate flooding of various sections.
2. Revision and codifying of the out-dated City Charter.
3. All city purchases on competitive bid basis.
4. More efficient form of municipal administration.
5. Centralizing and better control of the city's water system.
6. Passage of Ordinance allowing city to maintain repair or pave gravel streets.

Taylor Young New CC Prexy

New president of the local Chamber of Commerce is Taylor Young, who was elected by his fellow Board of Director members Tuesday noon. Young served the Chamber during the past year as second vice-president.

Other Chamber officers elected for 1954 are Bob Bauder, first vice-president; Howard Gilbert, second vice-president; Miles Wicks, treasurer; and Rev. William Sutterlin, secretary.

Each of the new officers has had previous experience in Chamber work. Bauder was CC treasurer for 1953 while Gilbert and Wicks were Board members. Rev. Sutterlin, although not a board member this past year, had served on the Board previously.

Outgoing treasurer Bauder told Directors present that approximately one-half of the old CC membership had already been replaced in the initial drive in December. He added that there were ten new members. Bauder said he hoped that the membership drive would result in the Chamber's going beyond the minimum budget set for operating expenses which is approximately \$10,400. He told the other Directors that many sizeable pledges and new members were in sight for the CC, and he stressed that attention to continuation of the membership drive would make the campaign a success.

Bauder concluded by pointing out that in order for the Chamber to have the "extras" which benefit all members, it would be necessary to go over the minimum budget. Extras refer to sending a Chamber representative to national conventions, necessary inspection trips, etc.

The Chamber Board held its meeting at the D and M cafe at 12 noon January 5.

Medical Staff Changes Announced at Hospital

Medical staff changes at the Cottage Grove hospital were announced this week. Dr. David A. Morris is chief of staff; Dr. Raymond Spaulding, assistant chief of staff; and Dr. B. C. Robertson secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing medical staff members were Dr. William H. Earl, chief of staff; Dr. L. H. Imboden, assistant chief of staff; and Dr. S. G. Oberg, secretary-treasurer.

MAYOR CREPEAU IMPROVING
Mayor Joe Crepeau who was admitted to the Cottage Grove hospital Saturday evening is reported in good condition and is improving. No visitors are permitted.

Storm and Sanitary Sewer System Is Council Topic

Highway Commission Seeks Right-of-Way;
Problem of Rough RR Crossings Discussed

Members of the City Council held their first meeting of 1954 Monday evening. Council members present authorized Councilman Joe Bricher as acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Joe Crepeau who was in the Cottage Grove hospital.

Main item of business for the lengthy session was a report by Ralph E. Roderick, of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, the city's consulting engineers, concerning a storm and sanitary sewer system for Cottage Grove.

The report, begun nearly a year ago, was a preliminary study, and the areas covered in it included all the area within the present city limits, outlying areas which are expected to become part of the city as expansion occurs, and all the area which contributes drainage to said area.

Divided into four parts, it covered present conditions, the storm sewer system, the sanitary sewer system and recommendations.

Object of the study is to develop an overall plan to provide storm drains for the entire city and future additions. Such a system, Roderick said, must also provide for disposal of surface drainage from hills adjacent to the city by intercepting the drainage at points where it would enter a developed section.

Roderick pointed out that the existing sewer system is mainly a combination type, handling both sewage from house connections and storm water run-off. In some areas, separate storm sewers have been constructed to handle storm water run-off only. Some of these storm sewers discharge into open ditches in the less developed section of the city.

They investigated 125 accidents which occurred inside Cottage Grove city limits. They conducted a total of 586 investigations.

A total of 3,712 citations for meter violations was issued. And, in the line of duty, local police picked up 84 wandering dogs and cats within city limits. They also picked up 30 bicycles. Some of the bikes were just plain lost, some had been stolen.

New Christian Science Church Built in 6 Mos.

Exactly six months from the day that the ground was broken, the new First Church of Christ Scientist has been completed. Services will be held in the new building for the first time on Communion Day, January 10. However, the church will be officially dedicated at a later date which has not yet been announced.

The church cost \$22,000 and was built by the local construction company of Randall and Woolcott.

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET MON. NITE AT LIB.

The South Lane 4-H Leaders' association will meet at the Cottage Grove Public Library at 7:30 p.m., January 11.

J. R. Gurton, county 4-H agent, will show slides of summer camp and summer school and also slides of some of the national parks in the USA at the Monday night meeting. Four H club members are welcome to attend the meeting. The group holds monthly meetings.

DOYLE HIGDON ON TO HONOR ROLL

EUGENE, January 6 (Special)—The University of Oregon's honor roll for fall term lists 170 students, all making grade point averages of 3.50 or higher on not less than 12 term hours. The GPA is figured on a scale with A equaling 4.00, B as 3.00, and C as 2.00. Eighteen of the total made straight A grades for 4.00.

Listed on the roll from Cottage Grove is Doyle A. Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Higdon.



THE WINNAH! First new baby born to parents living in Cottage Grove trade area was Travis Leroy Dobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dobson, 1017 Jefferson Street. Travis and his Mother (pictured) and Father will receive many prizes from merchants. Baby was born at local hospital.



MR. AND MRS. C. E. BROWN OF TOPPENISH, WASH., sent Christmas greetings to relatives and friends from Africa on their world tour. Here a native outfitted in his Sunday best has taken the Browns for a buggy ride in a rickshaw.

38,500 Mile World Tour Shown In Pictures By Former Residents

By Miriam Adkins

The thrilling experiences of a 38,500-mile airplane trip around the world was told last Thursday and Friday nights by the showing of 7600 feet of color moving pictures, taken and shown by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, former residents now of Toppensish, Wash., who just returned from their trip which took three and a half months. The Browns left Portland by plane on September 13 and returned there December 29 after visiting four continents and 35 countries.

The pictures were shown to relatives and a few friends at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheldon, on Thursday night, and at the Leslie Strong home, Friday night, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Brown.

The 38,500 mile plane trip by 19 different airlines, from single engine to four-engine jet planes, was not their only mode of travel. Approximately 6,000 miles was made by car, some by camel, sedan chair and rickshaw. Five weeks of the time was spent in Africa which was the most enjoyable part of

their trip. They crossed the equator 10 times and international date line once.

The Browns left Portland September 13 for New York and then a non-stop trip from New York across the Atlantic to Ireland.

It would take pages to tell all the interesting things the travelers saw and showed in pictures, so just the highlights of the countries will be mentioned:

Ireland: Most interesting places in Ireland were the Lakes of Killarney in Kilmaree; Blarney Castle and Dublin. In all the Ireland pic-

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