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Jan. 21	50	39	.00
Jan. 22	52	42	.15
Jan. 23	52	33	1.19
Jan. 24	43	32	.13
Jan. 25	39	23	.09
Jan. 26	42	32	.86
Jan. 27	45	35	.53

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Blaze Destroys Greer Home; Wind Fans Fire

Area Residents Asked To Help Older Couple

By Mrs. Roy Stone

DELIGHT VALLEY—Fire destroyed the two-story residence belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Greer Monday afternoon. The fire broke out in the house, which is just north of the Delight Valley schoolhouse, while Mr. Greer was working a tractor in the field about three-quarters of a mile away.

Greer was not able to reach the burning home in time to save anything except the family car which was in the garage adjoining the house. High wind spread the blaze rapidly. By the time the alarm was turned in and the Cottage Grove fire department reached the scene, the building was a mass of flame.

Neighbors rushed to aid firemen, but were powerless against the blaze. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sedergren have given the Greers the use of a cottage on their property in which to live.

The fire which destroyed the E. A. Greer residence Monday afternoon was extinguished by local firemen before it had a chance to spread to nearby buildings. Chief Ernest Shipley said Tuesday that a very strong wind had spread the fire rapidly and caused complete loss of the residence. Chief Shipley said there was \$5,000 insurance on the home, and also some insurance on the furnishing, amount of which was not known.

Belongings Burned

All of the belongings and furnishings within the home were destroyed by the blaze. The Greers were able to save only the clothing which they wore. Mrs. Greer, not present when the fire broke out, had been helping take care of Mrs. Mary Heck, who was ill.

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Polio Contributions \$225 Plus by Tues.

More than \$225 has been turned in to March of Dimes chairman Mrs. Virgil Kingsley by clubs and groups thus far. Mrs. Kingsley said this amount did not include contributions from the envelope folders nor donations from business houses, etc.

Several special events have been held to aid the Polio drive in this area, and coming up are the Mothers' March tonight and a Merchant's lunch sponsored by the Moose on February 13.

Contributions as turned in Tuesday morning included: Mile of Dimes sponsored by Brownies and Girl Scouts, \$100.20; Mt. View School, \$5; Circle 2, Presbyterian church, \$4; Gowdville Women's club, \$5; Mosby Creek Extension, \$5.73; Circle 3, Presbyterian church, \$5; Cedars club, \$5; Rod-Gun club, March of Dimes benefit shoot, \$79.37; Calvin Funk Post 32, American Legion, \$10; Ladies Auxiliary, Order of the Eagles, \$5; American Legion Auxiliary, \$10, and Circle 4, Presbyterian church, \$4.

Several downtown stores and eating establishments have worked out special ways to help the Polio Drive. Mrs. Rae O'Leary at the Arcade Coffee shop started a row of contributions around the eating counter. Two rows have gone all the way around and a third is already started. Money contributions are scotch taped to the counter.



—Sentinel Photo

VISITING THE SENTINEL JANUARY 21 were several members of Miss Jule Crume's publications class from CG Union high school. Students were taken through the plant, heard the mechanical intricacies explained and then popped questions at Sentinel staffers. Looking at web on flat-bed Duplex news press are (left to right): Leonard Nossaman, Juanita Odum, Patsee Pynes, Verna Lee Eastman, Sara Summers and Larry Grewelle. Some class members present were examining other portions of the "back shop" when photo was taken.

No Jackster

The advertising force in this country got a new member last Saturday afternoon at 4:26 p.m. At that time Deborah Lee Roles arrived at the Cottage Grove hospital. Debby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roles of Cottage Grove. Roles is the Advertising Manager of The Sentinel.

The new father survived the ordeal; the mother came through in much better fashion. Incidentally, Jim is handing out cigars and if you've missed one, well...

'Flying High' Play Opens January 28 At CG High School

Proceeds for American Legion Baseball League

Tonight, at 8 p.m., the curtain rises on the first performance of the local talent production of the three-act comedy "Flying High." The play is being presented at the Cottage Grove Union high school auditorium tonight and tomorrow night under the sponsorship of the American Legion. Proceeds will go to the Junior Legion Baseball League program.

In combination with the play, a contest is now under way to pick the King and Queen of the youngsters of area residents. Pictures of all contestants are on display in Petersen's window and directions with the picture will tell voters where the box for their favorite contestant is located. Votes cost one cent each. Candidates for king and queen are from the age of 6 months to 6 years.

Sixteen girls and seven boys have been entered. Three leaders in the girls' race for queen are Christine Rearick, Mary Elizabeth Gierau and Stanlynn Daugherty. Leading contestants for the King's crown are Larry Deane Held, Chris Woodward and Brian Peniston.

Running the leaders a close race in the women's division are Adele Johnson, Laxie Ann Fitzgerald, Sharon Lynn Grass, Vicki Chambers, Brenda Lou Woody, Marilyn Hammond, Gene Anderson, Nikki Ashuckle, Robert A. Coop, Mary Ellen McClanahan, Jo Ann Woolcott, Starly Pupke and Kathy Joy Workman.

Treading on the heels of the leading king candidate are Vernon Arne, Mike Frye, James Kreutz and Rodney Gum.

The contest closes at 8 p.m., January 29. One half hour will be allowed for last minute voting before the Saturday evening performance. The King and Queen will be crowned Saturday night at the high school auditorium.

Action for the play "Flying High" takes place in the lobby of a small town resort hotel. Purdy's Last Resort, owned and operated

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Dale Wickstrom New Jeff Teacher

New teacher at Jefferson grade school this semester is Dale Wickstrom. Wickstrom replaces Mrs. Helen Rude as a sixth grade instructor. Mrs. Rude will return to Jefferson in the fall.

Wickstrom, who had been teaching the fifth grade in Torrence, Calif., was driving through the Willamette Valley just before Christmas when his wife was stricken with polio in Eugene. Mrs. Wickstrom is hospitalized there now in a chest respirator. The Wickstroms plan to return to California following the close of this school year.



THE SNOWS CAME to South Lane county this past week. Picture above was taken out on Lorane Road.

3 Road Projects In Lane County Awarded Low Bid

The State Highway commission opened bids on 23 projects at a meeting of the commission last week in Portland. Among the Lane county bids opened was the North Eugene overcrossing over the Pacific highway. The bid called for a reinforced concrete deck girder structure approximately 209 feet long. Tom Lillebo of Reedsport was the low bidder. On a rock production project between Goshen and Lowell on the Willamette highway, requiring approximately 10,000 cubic yards of crushed rock, the bid was awarded Vernie Jarl of Gresham for \$23,700. On the federal aid project for structures on the Goshen-Coast Fork Willamette unit of the Pacific highway for the construction of three concrete structures including the Goshen separation bridge of 233 feet, Camas Swale bridge and Kuni Road overcrossing 125-foot bridge, the bid was awarded R. H. Jones of Hillsboro for \$97,965.20.

Shoot Nets \$105.87 For Polio Fund

The sum of \$105.87, profit from various events at the Rod-Gun Club March of Dimes shoot, was turned over to the Polio Fund Monday by Shoot Chairman A. B. Baker.

One-fourth of the proceeds went to the Creswell fund and the remainder to Cottage Grove.

Approximately 40 shooters were on hand for the day's events. Due to bad weather, the shooting started late. Twenty-six shooters participated in the Hileman Handicap with Harry Luper of Drain as high gun with 49 out of 50. Total purse now stands at \$77. The club plans its next shoot for February 7.

Baker said the club wanted to officially thank the trap boys—Bill and Jim Arp, Jack and Dick Anderson, Jack Mullin, Larry Aldrich and Jim Ellsworth for their donations of two hours work each.

High School Boy Injured Jan. 27, As Bleachers Fall

Curtis Harris, 16, a sophomore in the local union high school was injured Wednesday morning about 9:30 when members of the boys' physical education class were pushing the bleachers on the gym activity floor back into place. It seems that the last two or three bleachers pulled apart, and in the pushing they tipped over and fell on Harris, breaking his right leg. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harris, 1109 E. Madison Avenue.

According to Superintendent Virgil Kingsley the manufacturing company is being contacted to see that safety features be put in that had apparently been omitted.

John Roles Injured In Bike, Car Accident

John Roles, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Roles Sr., of Route 1, was injured Saturday evening while riding his bicycle. Roles was on the Dorena road near Knox Hill when he was struck by a car driven by Robert A. Fournier, of Route 1.

Fournier said that he saw no light or reflector. The accident happened about 6 p.m. Fournier took John to his home where he was taken to the local hospital and treated for a severely lacerated head. John was released from the hospital Monday.

R. D. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blake of Mosby Creek, has been called into the army service.

Charles Brannan To Speak Feb. 12 At Dorena Grange

S. Lane Demos Sponsor Former Ag Sec.'s Visit

Charles Brannan, former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, from 1948 through 1952, will speak in the Cottage Grove area it was announced Wednesday by Walter H. Dodd, chairman of the South Lane Democratic committee.

The former agriculture secretary will speak at the Dorena Grange hall, Friday, February 12, at a noon luncheon beginning at 12:15. The public is invited. Dodd said a special invitation is extended to all grange members. The Dorena Grange hall is located four miles east of Cottage Grove on the Disston highway. Cost of the luncheon, per plate, is \$1. It will be served by the Home Economics committee of the Dorena Grange. All proceeds will go to the Grange.

Ex-Secretary Brannan, who makes his home in Denver, served five years as agriculture secretary. He authored and sponsored



Charles Brannan

a controversial agricultural program with high price supports for agriculture with direct payments to farmers and allowing farm prices to find their own market price levels for the consumers, allowing lower food prices to the consumers, so it was claimed.

The former agriculture secretary will speak on "What's Ahead for Agriculture." Dodd commented that this program is particularly timely with agricultural income having dropped 20 percent over the last year. Agricultural policies played an important part in the 1953 elections and will be important in this fall's November elections, Dodd stated.

This speech by ex-Secretary Brannan is the first, in what is hoped by the South Lane Democratic committee, to be a series of programs designed to bring important national and state Democratic leaders to the Cottage Grove area.

MONDAY COLDEST DAY IN '54

It's getting colder. Wednesday morning weather report from the Cottage Grove Dam said that January 25 was the coldest day of the year, to date, with a low reading of 23 degrees. High for the day was 39. Previous coldest day was January 20 with a low reading of 25 degrees.

CIVIC MUSIC CONCERT POSTPONED

G. B. Hull, president of the Civic Music association announced Monday the concert of Guiomar Novas, scheduled for January 31 has been postponed until Wednesday, March 31.

Chamber to Move Into New Office

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be moving into larger quarters on March 1. The official announcement was made earlier this week by Chamber Manager Chick Hiltbrand. The new CC office will be in the Merrick building located on Main street next to the Coast Fork of the Willamette river.

Hiltbrand said the Chamber was reluctant to leave the part of town where the Chamber had become established, but that the move was necessary since the organization had need of larger quarters. The new office space was secured by the CC at very little extra cost Hiltbrand said, and will be an office that the city of Cottage Grove can be proud of.

The Chamber will have one-third of the window space on Main Street plus window space on the river side. The new quarters will provide for a larger front office a small office for the Chamber manager and a meeting room for the community which will measure 19 feet by 35 feet with room for up to 50 persons. Manager Hiltbrand said the meeting room is for the Chamber and for any group in the community who wants a meeting place. He added that according to Dr. Merrick the river bank will be parked and beautified when the new bridge is in.

The Chamber plans to display manufactured articles from the community in the main front office.

The other portion of the Merrick front office will be occupied by George Marksbury. The two offices will be separated by a partition.

'Huck Finn' Nets \$206.75 for Pool

The sum of \$206.75 was added to the area swimming pool fund last Friday evening. The amount, profits from the Cottage Grove Union high school ASB play, "Huckleberry Finn," will be turned over to South Lane Recreation, Inc.

Principal Bob Dusenberry said Tuesday that a second event will be staged February 4 to help increase the swim pool fund. At that time the CG high faculty will match brain and brawn with the grade school faculty in CG and the South Lane area in a DONKEY BASKETBALL GAME.

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the local high school gymnasium. Admission prices are: adults 75 cents, students 50 cents and children 25 cents.

CG Postal Receipts For '53 — \$71,012.53

Cottage Grove postmaster Sam Veatch said Monday that postal receipts for the local post office totaled \$71,012.53 for 1953. Veatch said this was a very slight drop over the 1952 figure of \$71,140.01.

Receipts were down during the first two quarters in '53, but had taken a very definite upswing in the final two quarters. He said that the Christmas mailing receipts were not as high as those of last year, and added that one of the main factors in the decrease could probably be attributed to the mailing rate increase.

Adult Upholstery Classes Offered

An adult upholstery and slip-covering class is being planned for all people over 16 years of age who are interested in enrolling. The class will be held in the local armory each Friday. Possibly evening classes will be arranged.

The classes are sponsored by the Cottage Grove Union high school and the State Department of Vocational Education. The instructor will be Mrs. Maye Frye of the Eugene Vocational school.

The fee for the course of five weeks will be \$6 per person or per couple working on a project.

Please call the high school, 774, if you are interested in enrolling. Those enrolling will be notified as to definite starting time of class.

SAGINAW-WALKER CLUB TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Saginaw-Walker club will have its annual meeting and election of officers at the Walker schoolhouse Thursday, January 28. The time will be 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

All members and friends of Saginaw, Delight Valley, Walker and Lynx Hollow are urged to attend.

Council, C of C Work to Solve CG Parking ?s

City Fathers Call For Dump Truck Bids

City Council members held a special meeting Monday evening to take up the matter of off-street parking facilities with members of the Chamber of Commerce's off-street parking committee. During the course of the lengthy meeting several other items of business were discussed.

Council and Chamber members present discussed at length the matter of off-street parking. There is now \$6,000 in the OS parking fund. Dr. H. A. Hagen, chairman of the Chamber's OS parking committee, told the Council that the Chamber believes it better to start now on a program of parking improvements rather than delay. C. C. Morelock had previously offered the council use of his lot located on Washington near Fifth. It would be necessary to improve the lot to make parking possible.

The matter was turned over to Councilman Gil Gardner and his street committee. The Council committee and Chamber OS parking committee members will meet to work out a solution. Mayor Crepeau requested that a solution be presented the Council within 60 days.

Bids for New Dump Truck

Council members also discussed the possibility of purchasing a new city dump truck to replace one that is now practically worn out. Much repair work is necessary on the truck, continually, and City Engineer Les Coirer said he thought it would be possible to purchase a new one by using funds available for equipment in various departments. Council heard of a used truck available for purchase at one of the local motor companies, and then decided to call for bids on furnishing a dump truck for the city. Bids will be opened at the Council's February 8 meeting.

O. M. Patten, representing the South Lane Fair Board, appeared before the Council requesting that the usual carnival fee be waived during the fair. The fair board would like to bring in a small kiddie carnival as an added attraction. The matter was turned over to Councilman Zack Coop who will review the city ordinance relating to carnival fees and will report back to the Council at its next meeting.

Matter of Sidewalks

The matter of the conditions of sidewalks in Cottage Grove was brought to the attention of the Council by a local resident who said that the sidewalk on the east side of South Sixth street south of Taylor did not comply with city law. (City law requires concrete sidewalks in good repair where the street is not improved.) Council moved to notify the property owner concerned. They also authorized that a check of all city sidewalks be made, and requested a periodic report to the Council.

Charles Blue, representing the "Knights," a local hot rod club, was present at the Council meeting. Blue told Council members that the club was doing all possible to improve safe driving.

Approval by Council was given to a welfare group in Cottage Grove to store its supplies temporarily in a second story room of (Continued on page 5)

Cornelius W. Doty Dies After Illness

Cornelius W. Doty, age 86, of 694 Sweet Lane, passed away in a hospital in Eugene Thursday, January 21, 1954, following a long illness. He was born in Eleonor, Iowa, December 22, 1867, where he made his home until moving to Canton, S. Dak. There he was married to Orpha Allen on March 11, 1891. They moved to Nebraska and then to Medford, Oregon, in 1927. Mrs. Doty passed away in 1935. He had since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Binder.

Surviving are three daughters and three sons: Mrs. Ethel Martin of Gold Hill, Mrs. Dolly Mills of Portland and Mrs. Orpha Binder of Cottage Grove, Judd Doty of Camas, Wash., Neal Doty of Vancouver, Wash., and Frank Doty of Medford, eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger Morris Funeral Parlors in Medford at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, with interment in the Siskiyou Memorial cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel was in charge of local arrangements.

Mothers' March On Polio Starts 6 p.m. January 28



MRS. H. B. ROBBINS (RIGHT), IS READY to make the first contribution during the "Mother's March" on Polio which takes place Thursday evening. March begins promptly at 6 p.m. Mrs. Harold Neal, left, and Mrs. Robert Cutts, right, are two of the more than 50 women who will be calling at area residences during the "March." Don't forget to turn your porch light on.

Residents Urged to Turn On Porch Lights To Make Contact Work Easier for Volunteers

Tonight, January 28, at 6 p.m. more than 50 women from Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Jayceettes and BPW will start the "Mothers' March" on polio in this area.

Motto for the march is "Let's see every porch light shining." The drive, held to aid the March of Dimes fund, will start promptly at 6 p.m., and it is hoped by those conducting it that it will be finished by 7:30 p.m. to enable people having later engagements to still be able to give to the March.

N-S Entrance, Exits Possible

From Thoroughway Now On N. Access Road

It's official. Area residents will now be able to get on the super highway to go either direction, from the North Access Road, and get off the highway from either direction at the North Access Road.

Monday morning members of the Chamber of Commerce's Highway committee and representatives from Dorena and Delight Valley journeyed to Salem and met with State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock. They made the trip because the way in which traffic travel had been set up on the North Access Road meant that vehicles were unable to get off the super highway if headed north nor could vehicles get on the thoroughway to head south.

Making the early morning trip were Bill Hesse, H. B. McMillan and John Finneran of the CC Highway committee, Chamber Manager Chick Hiltbrand, Byron Houck, representing Dorena, and Jim Hemenway, representing Delight Valley.

Chamber president Taylor Young commended the good work of the men Tuesday.

Chairman of the committee, Bill Hesse, said Monday afternoon that the problems were worked out to the satisfaction of everyone in the 20-minute morning conference with Engineer Baldock.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Starts Monday

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale by Brownies and Intermediate Scouts, will begin Monday, February 1. According to Mrs. Virgil Kingsley, the girls will again have the Langendorf half-chocolate and half-vanilla which has been so popular in the past. The cookies are packed 23 to the box, and sell for 40 cents.

All receipts from the sale will go, as they always have, for capital expenditures for Camp Cleawox. None of this money is included in the general council budget. Especially needed this year are a new stove, hot showers and a new barge house.

Girls will have doorknob hangers this year and they will leave one on the door where the bell is not answered.

DR. MERRICK HONORED BY OREGON HEART ASSN.

Dr. Robert Merrick has been invited by the Oregon Heart Association to become one of its members. This honor is given to those showing interest in cardiology and electro-cardiology courses provided by the Oregon Medical School. Dr. Merrick has attended these classes when offered the past six years.

General Chairman Mrs. Harold Neal said Tuesday that area residents without a porch light may indicate their wish to contribute by placing a lighted candle in their front windows, or by putting a white handkerchief on their rural mail box.

Mrs. Neal said areas to be covered are:

1. All areas inside the city limits.
2. Sweet Lane and the hill to the west.
3. River Road.
4. Gowdville road to the Schmidt residence, across to the Minkler home and back to town on the Lorane Road.
5. Harvey Road and Ostrander Lane area.
6. Knox Hill.
7. Thornton Corners Road and the area to the northeast to the Dorena Dam road.
8. East and west of South Sixth street to the Cecil Caldwell home.
9. The Bennett Creek Road to the Sorensen home.

The women will carry a quart fruit jar, and will wear or carry an arm band to identify themselves.

The Mothers participating in the March hope that this may be the year that a vaccine will be developed to rid parents of the ever-present fear of Polio, and they are eager to make the "Mothers' March" a success.

Mrs. Neal, who represents Beta Sigma Phi, is assisted by Millie Cutts of the Jayceettes and Mrs. Virgil Kingsley of BPW.

Any resident missed during the March, and wishing to contribute may do so by calling 1203R2 or 1033Y.

Ben Hur Lampman Dies January 24

Oregon's poet laureate, the well-known writer Ben Hur Lampman, died January 24 at a Portland nursing home. Lampman had been under treatment for two years after a series of cerebral hemorrhages.

For 35 years he was a member of the Oregonian staff. Lampman was born at Barron, Wis., August 12, 1886. He is survived by his widow, Lena, and two daughters. He was designated poet laureate of the state in 1951 by Douglas McKay, then governor of Oregon.

SHRINE CLUB TO MEET

The Cottage Grove Shrine club will meet Thursday night, January 28, at 8 p.m. at the Eagles hall. The meeting will be under the direction of the new officers for 1954, Art Schaefer, president; Taylor Young, vice president and W. E. White, secretary.

Entertainment for the evening will consist of films of the East-West football game. There will be refreshments.

DRIVING EXAMS FEB. 1

A Driver's License Examiner will be on duty in Cottage Grove, Monday, February 1, at the City Hall between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.